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SOUTHERN UNITY PROBLEM.

IMPORTANCE OF NANKING CONFERENCE.

WANG CHING-WEI PROVES TO BE OBSTINATE.

THE CUSTOMS INCREASES.

There is important news to-day from Shanghai, where Mr. C. C. Wu, who is one of the most prominent leaders of the Nanking Government, has, in an interview, stated that he is hopeful of the re-union of the Hankow, Nanking and Shanghai parties. Informal agreements have already been reached and these will be formally registered at the Conference which is to be held at Nanking on Thursday.

On the contrary, however, Mr. Wang Ching-wei is proving obstinate and is insisting on the return of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, to which suggestion other Generals are opposed. Well-informed Chinese in Shanghai say they would not be surprised if the Nanking Conference proves to be abortive.

A proclamation has been issued by the Nanking Foreign Ministry explaining its recent abandoned proposals for the increases of tariffs and the abolition of likin. It states that the proposal was only deferred on account of the military operations but that a new date will shortly be announced for the enforcing of the new rates in the provinces of Kiangsu, Anhwei, Fukien, Chekiang, Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

FURTHER ANXIETY AT HANKOW.

Shanghai, Sept. 12. Mr. C. C. Wu, interview by Reuters, said that the informal conferences at Shanghai had resulted in a reunion of the three sections of the Kuomintang, namely the Wu, Han, Nanking, and Shanghai parties. The last-named had hitherto not been noticed, though wielding a considerable influence. Party reunion was more important, from the Chinese viewpoint, than a reunion of the Wuhan and Nanking Governments.

A Kuomintang committee had already been formed, though the names of the members could not be divulged. The committee will elect a chairman for the Party. He considered Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's return likely, though he would be a member of the committee.

The Nanking Conference of September 15 will formally register the decisions and agreements reached informally at Shanghai. Mr. Wu was unable to give any forecast of the probable allocation of portfolios.—*Reuters*.

NATIONALISTS DIFFER.

Conference May Fail.

Shanghai, Sept. 12. Mr. Hu Han-min refused to see Mr. Wang Ching-wei when the latter called on him, while General Chang Ching-chang was non-committal, except that he informed Mr. Wang Ching-wei that the recall of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek was a necessity.

It is understood that Mr. Wang Ching-wei is willing to see Marshal Chiang Kai-shek return, but that the Generals 'Pei' Chung-hsi and Li Tsung-jen are opposing the idea. Well-informed Chinese would not be surprised if the Nanking conference proves abortive. In any case, Hu Han-min, Chang Ching-chang, Wu Taz-wei, and Tsai Yuan-pei will not participate, while it is possible that Chekiang, Fukien, and Kwangtung may refuse to abide by the conference's decisions.—*Reuters*.

THE NEW DUES.

Nanking Explains.

Shanghai, Sept. 12. For the purpose of correcting any misunderstanding caused by the transit dues, tariff law and excise law announcement of September 9, the Nanking Foreign Ministry has issued a proclamation which has been transmitted to the Diplomatic Body. It is dated August 28, and states, *inter alia*, that the imposition and increase of taxes, and the abolition of the likin, are two distinct matters. The reason that laws have been made simultaneously for carrying out these two measures lies in the desire of the Government to relieve the merchants of double taxation, and facilitate trade, both national and international, while preserving the revenues.

NOTE FORGERIES.

TWO GANGS KNOWN AT WORK.

CHINESE AND FOREIGN.

The attention of the Hongkong authorities has of late been drawn to the fact that underlying the large number of spurious bank notes recently put into currency, there are at least two organized gangs of counterfeiters at work outside the Colony who are endeavouring to flood Hongkong and up-river districts with their spurious products.

Within the last eighteen months, there have been numerous arrests made at local wharves and at certain houses in the Colony, and an examination of the arrested counterfeiters and the study of certain well-defined characteristics in the false notes seized have pointed to two definite conclusions. The first is that in the case of the notes of smaller denominations, the source of their large output is traceable to Canton; and secondly in the case of the big \$500 notes, that their origin lies further afield.

A *Telegraph* representative learns that as regards the smaller notes, there are peculiarities in the lithographic engraving, the serial numbers, and also a tendency for the ink to "run" which suggests to the officials the theory that these forged Hongkong and Shanghai Bank notes have emanated from one source. That source has been located and confirmed by the confessions of convicted counterfeiters at Canton.

A Confession.

There came before the Police Magistrate yesterday morning two men who were charged with having in their possession three \$10 notes which they were endeavouring to dispose of to another man when they were arrested. Unknown to them, the purchaser proved to be a district watchman, sent out by the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs for the purpose.

From a statement made by one of the men soon after his arrest, a number of interesting facts have been brought to light which, if not exactly new to the authorities, at any rate confirm the deductions they had made before. These are that the traffic in the forgeries is centred in Canton, where the counterfeiters dispose of their products through trusted agents and carriers. It is revealed that a forged \$10 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank note is sold in the first instance for \$2 genuine money, and is again sold for \$3.50 on its arrival in Hongkong, where it is put in currency in the ordinary course.

Cheating Emigrants.

A well established method of disposal is illustrated as follows: At a native boarding house—one of many such in the Colony where hundreds of emigrants pass through—a Chinese was arrested recently. He was gambling with the emigrants and several forged notes were found on him, which proved that he was a trafficker. He had paid for his gambling losses with bad notes and kept the change in good money for himself. Traffickers select emigrants as their victims, because the majority of them, being from up-river districts, have but a scanty knowledge of local money, and are unable to distinguish the difference between a bad and a genuine note.

Startling Theory.

So much for the smaller notes, which Hongkong and Shanghai Bank officials who have been called into the case to give evidence, pronounce as very bad forgeries. But of the forged notes of big denominations, of say \$500, an entirely different line of investigation has been set up, because of obvious better organization than

11th, to meet Marshal Chang Tsung-chang, to discuss military affairs; and it is understood that the date of his returning to Pongku is not fixed.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

Report to Marshal Chang. A telegram from Peking states that General Chu Yu-pu arrived there on the 12th, and he obtained an interview with Marshal Chang Tiao-lin, reporting the present situation at the front and asking for further instructions.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

WUHAN AND NANKING.

Military Delegates Travel.

Wuhan, Sept. 12. Both General Tang Sheng-chi and Chen Chien reached here yesterday, and it is expected that they will shortly continue their journey to take part in the Wuhan Nanking conference, to be held at Nanking, on September 15.

More soldiers from places up the river have arrived.—*Naval Wireless*.

VESSELS RELEASED.

By Military Authorities.

Chinkiang, Sept. 12. Of seven China Merchant vessels, which were commandeered by the Military authorities to be used as transports, five have been released, but two are still being held. The freed ships have gone to Shanghai.—*Naval Wireless*.

ANXIETY AT HANKOW.

Why Martial Law Was Imposed.

Hankow, Sept. 13. Activity amongst the labouring classes is causing anxiety to the garrison commander, and martial law was brought into operation on Saturday night.—*Naval Wireless*.

NORTHERN RETREAT.

South Follows Up.

Shanghai, Sept. 14. The retreating forces of General Sun Chuan-fang at Chinglingpu have withdrawn to Suichen, while the 18th Army under General Yang Kit which is following up, has advanced to Pon Ying. General Chang Chung-lik, of the 81st Army of the Nationalist forces, arrived at Hai-an yesterday.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

SUN AT TSINAN.

Confers on Military Affairs.

Shanghai, Sept. 14. It is reported that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang arrived at Tsinan on

MISHAP TO BRITISH SEAPLANE.

SCHNEIDER CUP ENTRANT CRASHES.

HIGH SPEEDS ATTAINABLE.

London, Sept. 12.

One of the British seaplanes sent to Venice by the Air Ministry to attempt to win the Schneider Cup has met with a mishap.

During a trial flight the machine, a Short-Bristol Crusader, crashed into the sea. The pilot, Flying Officer Schofield, was injured about the eyes.

Efforts are being made to raise the seaplane, which is under water. Great Britain has two other types of machines engaged for the race a Supermarine Napier S. and a Gloster Napier 4 both widely differing in type from the Crusader. One of these, which took part in the same trial as the Crusader, and was piloted by Squadron Leader Slatyer, is reported to have attained the sensational speed of 312 miles per hour, though this lacks official confirmation. Much was expected of the Crusader. Apart from its striking design, it is remarkable for the introduction of an air-cooled engine for first time in the competition.

A British company produced a new and exceptionally powerful type of engine called the Mercury, and with very considerable interest the contest between it and the water-cooled Napier Lions was being awaited.

The Crusader had done much successful flying in this country before being shipped to Venice, and it possessed a speed greater than that at which the race was won last year by the Italians.—*British Wireless*.

Only One of Seven.

London, Sept. 12.

Aviation circles in London do not expect that the accident at Venice will affect Britain's chances of winning the Schneider trophy, since the Crusader was the slowest of seven British machines sent to Venice, and was largely intended as a standby.—*Reuters*.

"PRIDE OF DETROIT."

FLIGHT AGAIN POSTPONED.

Tokyo, Sept. 13.

The "Pride of Detroit" has again been obliged to postpone her flight owing to storms but the aviators, who are in high spirits, have declared their intention to carry out the trans-Pacific flight after reaching Kasumigaura from Omura, despite the efforts of friends and relations to dissuade them from making the attempt.—*Reuters*.

Czech Carries On.

Tokyo, Sept. 13.

The Czechoslovakian plane which was forced to land at Okayama yesterday owing to inclement weather, resumed its flight to Korea at 9.50 this morning.—*Reuters*.

FLOATING UNIVERSITY.

DUE HERE IN NOVEMBER.

Sometime ago we published a news item stating that the s.s. Ryndam, the floating University, would call at Hongkong on its trip round the world sometime this month.

We are now informed that this (taken from an early publication of the itinerary) is in error, the boat being due to reach Hongkong on or about November 23.

The date of the arrival of the floating seminary for women (also on a world tour) is not yet known here.

It is thought that the notes have come from a long distance, their source of origin being suspected in one of the European capitals. The police have information which leads to the startling theory that the forged notes were part of an attempt to introduce disorganization into the currency of the Colony. But there is much more evidence to be collected.

REPULSE BEACH.

ATTRACTIVE PLAN EVOLVED.

ELABORATE SCHEME SHELVED.

A representative of the *Telegraph*, who called at the Public Works Department this morning, was favoured with an interview by Mr. L. C. Parker Rees, during which much interesting information was given on the question of bathing accommodation at Repulse Bay.

In reply to an enquiry whether the Government had any intention of considering the advisability of planning a more permanent type of structure, in view of the wholesale destruction of makeshifts during the recent fire, Mr. Rees stated that a comprehensive scheme had been drawn up some time ago, but, in view of the present financial stringency, it was not likely that it would be proceeded with. The plan, which was shown our representative, revealed an attractive scheme which would provide some twenty concrete structures each sectioned off into three bathing huts, each with a verandah 16' x 12' opening on to which were two dressing rooms 7' 8" x 11' 7", ample accommodation thus being available for sixty families, the intention being to rent these out.

In addition to the private huts, public dressing rooms would be erected of similar material and in keeping with the general design of the scheme, at either end of the beach, while in the centre a large pavilion could be built suitable for seating accommodation and shelter, or for such events as band concerts, which might be given occasionally.

Lawns and Sea Wall.

The setting of the scheme was further enhanced by the provision of a lawn in front of all the buildings, a sea wall being allowed for, which would provide the beach boundary, from which steps would lead down at frequent intervals to the beach itself. The whole project was complete with adequate provision for shower baths, public conveniences, etc.

Naturally, such an undertaking involves heavy expenditure, and although considerable revenue should result, it is thought that better times will have to be experienced to warrant putting the scheme into effect.

Alternative Scheme.

Asked whether there was any alternative suggestion which might be less expensive and yet an improvement on the matched system, Mr. Parker Rees mentioned that the Government had been approached by a local Company who are prepared to erect a more permanent type of structure on that portion of the beach which the fire devastated. The Company in question has pointed out that a number of holders of sites are prepared to enter the scheme they have evolved, which fact tends to keep the cost of erection down to the lowest possible limit. In reply to the suggestion, the Government has asked that plans be submitted, and should these meet with approval, there will be no objection to the matter going ahead, provided that the majority of site holders express satisfaction. Mr. Rees pointed out, however, that whatever was decided upon, there must be no delay in carrying out any approved project.

Fire Dangers.

Mr. Parker Rees quite agreed that makeshifts are most dangerous on account of the fire hazard, and he envisioned the calamity which might have occurred had the fire broken out during a time when most of the owners were either in their sheds or actually bathing. In the latter instance, the thought of a wind blowing off land, carrying with it the intense heat and smoke of such a conflagration to people in the water, is indeed alarming, because it might be impossible to regain the beach, and the only way to escape the suffocating heat and smoke would be to get as far out from the shore as possible. The terrible danger to which children and non-swimmers would thus be exposed, cannot be too strongly emphasized. For this reason

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ITALIAN CONSULATE CRIME.

PARIS OFFICIAL FATALLY WOUNDED.

THE ASSASSIN ARRESTED.

Paris, Sept. 12.

An Italian this morning, wounded Count Nardini, the Italian Vice-Consul in Paris with a revolver, at the Italian Consulate. Nardini was rushed to Hospital.—*Reuters*.

Paris, later.

Count Nardini is dead. The perpetrator of his shooting has been arrested.

It appears the latter was kept waiting, when he called at the Consulate, as Nardini had not arrived. When the latter arrived at his office, the assailant was ushered in, and immediately drew his revolver and fired thrice at his victim.

The assassin was departing when he was seized by a policeman on permanent duty in the Consulate, but he bit the policeman and fired twice in the air, and was escaping when Consulate employees appeared and he was overpowered and taken to the police station.

He refused to reply to questions, and none of the papers in his possession revealed his identity.—*Reuters*.

Sought a Passport.

Later.

Nardini's assassin had convulsive seizures at the police station, and was transferred to the prison infirmary.

It is alleged that he called at the Consulate in connexion with a passport, which the Consul was unable to issue because the applicant lacked necessary documents, whereupon the murderer drew a revolver and fired point-blank.—*Reuters*.

BRITAIN'S BETTER TRADE.

THE IMPORT AND EXPORT FIGURES COMPARED.

London, Sept. 12.

While the total volume of British overseas trade during August varied little from that of July, there was a welcome increase in British exports, with an almost corresponding decrease in imports.

Imports for August were valued at £90,100,024, being a reduction of £3,262,326 on July, and of £11,035,830 on the previous August.

British exports totalled £59,410,332, being an increase of £3,289,201 on July, and of £9,623,588 on August, 1926.

In comparison of the two Augusts, both for imports and exports, the effects of the coal strike of 1926 have of course to be taken into account.

The imports for the first eight months of this year aggregated £800,611,032, being a reduction of £3,225,066 on the corresponding period of last year, while exports were valued at £457,872,674, being an increase of £12,607,777 on the first eight months of 1926.—*British Wireless*.

WAR NOW IS VERY DIFFICULT.

BRITISH MINISTER'S VIEWS.

Geneva, Sept. 12.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, in a statement he made to international journalists, said he thought the method employed at this year's Assembly, namely orators frankly offering criticism, was far better than the old way of merely proving actions by the big Powers. He was severely optimistic. He would not say that war was impossible, but every meeting of the League made it more difficult.—*Reuters*.

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HANKOW TO-DAY.

THE IMPOSITION OF SUPER-TAXES.

MORE NOTE FORGERIES.

Hankow, Sept. 3.

Yesterday there was an undercurrent of excitement among the merchant fraternity due to the Customs demand for dues in silver on the one hand and the reported alteration in the collection of likin dues on the other. With regard to this latter, a short time ago the Government in its anxiety to popularise treasury notes widely advertised that taxes and especially likin dues could be paid with these notes.

According to reports current among the merchants yesterday this is now to be changed. In future if ten dollars are to be paid, three dollars of this must be in silver, three dollars in Central China bank notes, and four dollars only will be acceptable in treasury notes. In districts where the treasury note is not issued, then payments must be made half in silver and half in Central China banknotes.

These last named tell considerably yesterday early in the morning and a small parcel changed on a Shanghai tael basis at the rate of 220 per \$100 foreign money, but after noon sellers increased considerably and the notes could be purchased at any reasonable offer falling to even 300 for \$100 silver. There were however no buyers.

Dealers attribute the drop to the failure of reliable confirmation of the reported southern victories, and the arrival of definite information that Pukow is still in the hands of the north, and has never been captured. Another cause and possibly the main cause is the demand for silver by the Customs authority. This repudiation of government money caused grave uneasiness which if not checked will bring the value of the note down to zero.

New Salt Tax Imposed.

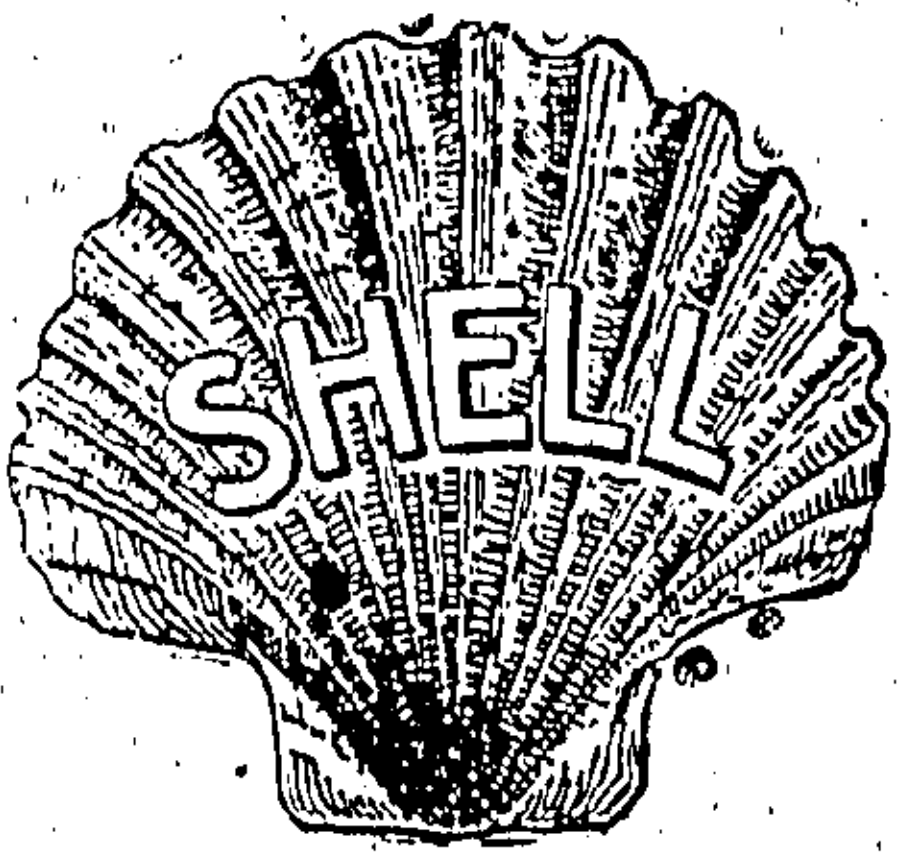
Another cause of animated discussion was the reported decision of the Government to impose a fresh tax on salt now that there is a stock in Hankow. Up to yesterday stocks which had arrived remained in the godowns at Hankow, and judging by the comments of people interested only dire necessity will remove it from there. In addition to the usual heavy tax it has now been decided to levy a super tax \$5.00 per package from the salt merchant.

This fund is described as a Military Fund to assist operations in the southeast against the north and is calculated to bring in on the stocks which have arrived the sum of \$90,000. Comments are bitter, but the people must have salt so in the end unless something intervenes to save them merchants will have to pay and recoup themselves from the people who are already burdened to the limit of endurance. It is stated at the same time that the Government have been careful to explain that this is only a provisional tax and will not be continued, but no one has faith in their protestations now, and the outlook has turned gloomy again after two days of comparative brightness.

Yesterday in the Tai Ho Lo native city a raid was made on some premises said to be occupied by forgers. According to the reports two men were arrested and a complete plant for forging both treasury notes and Central China bank notes was found. After arresting the persons found on the premises the place was carefully searched and it is alleged that over \$20,000 worth of false notes were found hidden away. The police are very active just now in searching for forgers on account of the fact that gold smiths reported themselves as being flooded with false notes. Apparently the bulk of the notes which have been forged at different periods find their way to the jewellers and are exchanged for articles of value easily portable such as bracelets, wrist watches etc.

Telephone Staff Arrested.

Yesterday six members of the Telephone Administration staff were reported as having been arrested in connexion with communist plots. Beyond this no details were given. (Continued on Page 14.)



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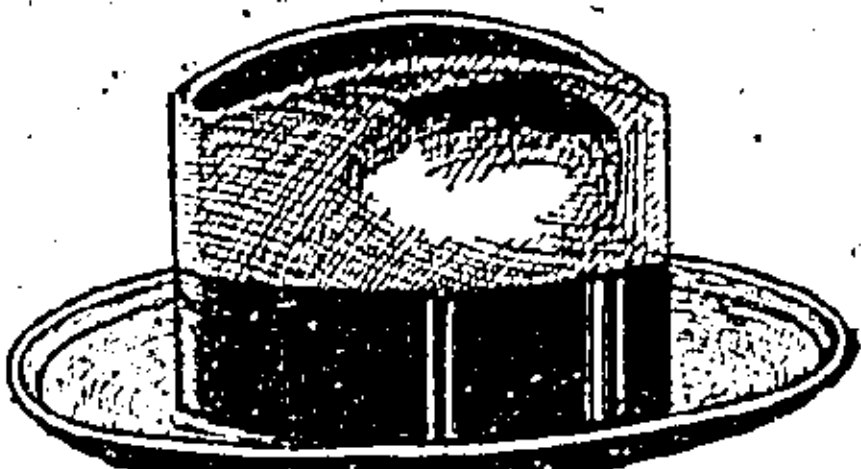
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NORTHERN DEFEAT.

BATTLE OF NORTH AND SOUTH DESCRIBED.

General Ho Ying-ching, Commander-in-Chief of the Nanking Nationalist Army, is reported to have left Shanghai yesterday for Nanking following an attempt to raise funds here for military purposes, says the *Shanghai Times* of Sept. 7. General Ho, in company with Tan Yen-kai, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Wuhan government, and Chang Zou-yong, Chief of the Kiangsu Provincial Treasury arrived here on Saturday.

On Sunday afternoon a tea party was held at the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, at which General Ho outlined the war operations of the Nanking army and pointed out that it is highly important that the Nanking and Wuhan government co-operate for the common cause. He expressed the hope that the people of China would have full confidence in the revolutionary army and render it every assistance, so that the revolution might be crowned with success at an early date. Hope was also expressed that the unification of China be effected and equality and freedom for China be realized.

Gen. Ho's Speech.

General Ho's speech described in detail the defeat of Marshal Sun's troops and claims that the gunfire of the Nationalists sank more than 70 boatloads of Northern soldiers, the majority of whom were drowned. He also asserted that the Northern losses must run as high as 10,000, while the Nationalist forces lost but from 3,000 to 4,000 men.

Ho's speech follows:

"Gentlemen, we, your military comrades, feel that we owe a word of apology for the alarm caused you by the surprise attacks of Sun Chuan-fang. But as our enemies have now been completely annihilated, I should like to take this opportunity to report to you what has actually taken place in our recent fightings with Sun Chuan-fang.

"On the night of August 25, Sun's troops secretly crossed the River and landed some 2,000 troops in the vicinity of Lungtan. Owing to their sudden and surprising presence, our troops stationed there, mostly members of the Engineer corps, were not able to repel them and suffered slight reverses. The enemy occupied Chiyashan, but they were soon driven back by the 7th Army.

More Troops Landed.

"On the night of the 26th, Sun succeeded in landing more troops consisting of the 2nd, the 8th, the 9th, the 12th, the 15th and the 14th Divisions, and two mixed brigades. Taking advantage of our unpreparedness, they succeeded in occupying the Huanglunshan and Chinlunshan Ports near Lungtan, thus putting us for the moment in grave danger, for they could have marched from there directly to Tangshuichen and entered Nanking through Chinlunmeng. But our 7th Army had by that time perfected plans of preparations and on August 29, launched an attack on the enemy simultaneously with the 1st Army, which advanced on them from two different directions with this concerted attack, we succeeded in surrounding the enemy and on August 31, we had them, completely surrounded in the neighbourhood of Chen-Chia-Wei. We disarmed Sun's six divisions and the two mixed brigades on spot.

A number of captives tried to escape to the other side of the River, but they were made the objective of our furious firings while in the midst of the River. More than seventy boatloads of them were drowned!

"As to the casualties, we are making an investigation. It is roughly estimated that our 1st Army has sustained a loss of from 3,000 to 4,000 men and the 7th

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.

The death occurred at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday afternoon, of an old resident of the Colony in the person of Mr. John Henry Pidgeon.

The late Mr. Pidgeon was 63 years of age. During the last ten years of his life, he was employed by Messrs. Carroll Bros., share-brokers, and was a familiar figure in Ice House Street, where he was known to all.

Mr. Pidgeon had a long and varied career. At a very early age he worked with Mr. J. J. Francis, who will be remembered as one of the Colony's most eminent barristers some forty years ago. When Mr. J. J. Francis retired, Mr. Pidgeon went to Borneo, but after a few years he returned to China and spent a number of years in Canton and in the interior districts of Kwangtung province.

In his prime of life, Mr. Pidgeon was the Colony's best rifle shot, winning the championship for several years. He was also a good athlete and his name appears in the records of the Victoria Recreation Club as one of their champion gymnasts.

His many friends and acquaintances will mourn his sudden demise. Although it was known he was not in the best of health, his death was unexpected.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

Army, of 3,000 men, while the casualties of the enemy must run as high as 10,000. According to our captives, it has been definitely confirmed that four division commanders, Li Pao-chang, Tao Chin-wei, Ma Pao-yen and Shamkwan Yun-shiang were killed in action. We have also taken several brigade-commanders and more than 40,000 troops as prisoners. The exact amount of munitions seized has not been ascertained, but as is known at present, the 1st Army has captured 9,000 rifles, while the 7th Army, over 10,000 rifles together with several hundred machine guns.

Overwhelming Defeat.

"As a result of this overwhelming defeat, Sun's military strength is completely exhausted and what is left of his once powerful army are a few regiments under the command of Tseng Chun-yen now in Tai Sin, Northern Kiangsu. We are confident that we can cross the River without having to fire a single shot and directly make our way to Shantung. It is nevertheless a regrettable fact that Sun, in order to satisfy his wild ambition of territorial conquest, should be so inhuman as to drive several ten thousands of men to a tight corner and let them perish there. This is, indeed, very brutal.

"As to the political situation, what seems to have aroused the greatest interest with the public is the problem of Hankow-Nanking reconciliation. Many people have misgivings about its possibility, but such misgivings are uncalled for. Our Party was disrupted by the treacherous plottings of the Communists and now with their elimination, the natural and necessary outcome is a reunion of the factions. Borodin has been sent away and both Nanking and Wuhan have embarked upon a campaign of purging the party of the communists.

"In regard to the various Party and political problems I believe that they will be discussed and settled in the coming meeting of Central Supervisory Committee in Nanking."

Gen. Ho's speech was responded by Mr. Yu Yah-ching and two others, who commended highly the meritorious services of the Nationalist generals in saving Shanghai from another visitation of Northern troops and suggested several means to raise the funds to finance the Northern campaign.

THE PEACE QUEST.

EUROPEAN PRESS COMMENT.

London, Sept. 12.

The morning papers express various opinions regarding Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech. For the most part, however, they agree that public opinion in Britain and the Dominions is dead against Britain accepting further heavy obligations. The *Daily Telegraph* says the speech states downright the terms on which the British Government does not intend to add to its already heavy obligations for preventing war. This declaration will doubtless be heard with relief throughout the Empire.

While the British newspapers generally support Sir Austen Chamberlain's attitude, some criticize his method. The *Daily News* for example, declares his language ill-chosen and provocative.

The *Daily Chronicle* describes his defence of British attitude as unskillful and calls on the Government to take an early opportunity to re-state the British position in better and more ample terms.

French Opinion.

French Press comment is divided. *Le Petit Parisien* says that Sir Austen Chamberlain's attitude is magnificent. It stated that the British Empire would not accept any undertaking which it was not sure of being able to carry out.

Gaulois says that Sir Austen had the task of saving the British Empire from engagements it never wished to assume and that his frankness was somewhat brutal but necessary.

Le Matin says that Britain apparently wishes to increase the risks of war by restricting her engagements. *L'Echo de Paris* expresses the view that England has said her last word. "Let the League die rather than the Empire."

Impression in Germany.

Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech made a deep impression in Germany where the Nationalist press exultantly declares that Sir Austen "finally dissipated Polish hopes of an Eastern Locarno and give the cold shoulder to the French militarists and their Warsaw satellites."—*Reuter*.

Briand Congratulated.

Paris, Sept. 12. According to the papers M. Poincare has sent M. Briand a telegram of warmest congratulations for the latter's speech on Saturday before the Assembly of the League of Nations.—*Havas*.

LEAGUE LIBRARY.

Assembly Decides to Accept American Gift.

Geneva, Sept. 12. The League Council has decided in principle to accept the American offer of \$2,000,000 to establish a League Research Library. The Assembly of the League has approved the Council's decision. The Assembly has expressed its gratitude to the donor of the \$2,000,000 library, who it now appears is Mr. Rockefeller, Junior. *Reuter's American Service*.

BOARD OF TRADE.

RETURNS FOR AUGUST
SHOW IMPROVEMENT.

London, Sept. 12. Further improvement in British trade is shown by the Board of Trade returns for August. Exports totalled \$59,410,000 and imports \$50,100,000, an increase of \$3,239,000 and a decrease of \$3,262,000 respectively as compared with figures for July.—*Reuter*.

MARTIAL LAW AT HANKOW.

LABOUR RISING FEARED.

Shanghai, Sept. 12.

Messages from Hankow show that the authorities suddenly enforce strict martial law on Saturday evening, heavily-armed gendarmerie and troops parading the streets of the native city and the special areas (the former concessions) all night long. Chinese citizens are forbidden to be in the streets after sundown while the Chinese authorities have advised the French Consul General to barricade the entrances to the French Concession and take other precautions, whereupon a body of armed French sailors took over guarding the concession.

The tenseness of the situation arising from the impossible currency and food conditions in Hankow has been crystallised by a clash in the military council on Saturday afternoon when one member stabbed another, whereupon the bodyguard of the wounded member threw a bomb into the gathering.

There is also news of a Communist success at Puchi, South West Wuchang, where, it is reported, Ho Lung has reappeared with his peasant army and cut the Wuchang-Changsha railway. As the result of wild rumours that Ho Lung is advancing toward Wuchang, the military authorities apparently feared a Communist rising in Hankow, where labour has recently shown increasing activity, but as the result of the precautions taken the night passed off peacefully.—*Reuter*.

COMING AND GOING.

WHO'S WHO ON THE PRESIDENT GRANT.

Passengers leaving Hongkong on the President Grant included Mr. H. A. Towne, going to Shanghai; Mr. G. M. Hemsworth, traffic agent of the Canadian National Railways at Hongkong, on a business trip to Shanghai; Mr. P. C. Denroche, representative of Messrs. S. L. Jones and Co., San Francisco, travelling to Shanghai; Mr. Kwa Eng Lee, manager of the Swatow Lacc Co., on a business trip to Shanghai; Mrs. A. E. Willsher, travelling to San Francisco—(Mrs. Willsher is the wife of a prominent hotel manager in Calcutta, India); Mr. E. B. Price, American Consul at Foochow, returning to the United States on furlough; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Tavares, local residents going to Shanghai; Mr. A. G. Botelho, connected with Botelho Bros., going to Shanghai.

SHAMSHUPO FIRE.

RATTAN WARE SHOP INVOLVED.

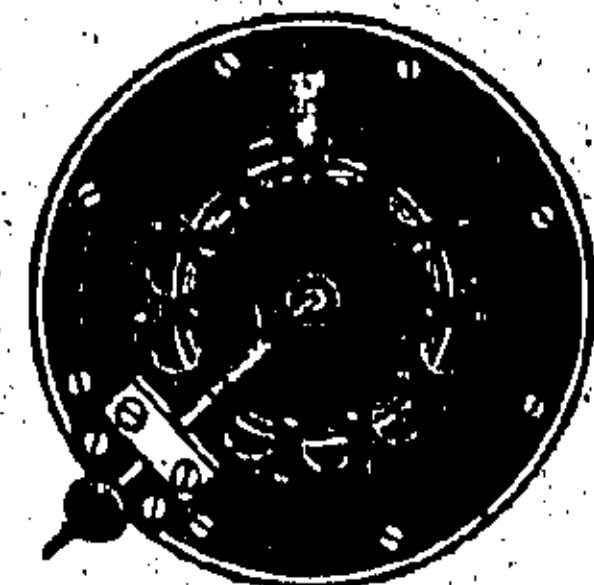
A fire broke out at No. 100 Man Cheung Street, Shamshupo, about eight o'clock last evening, and when the alarm was given that a rattan ware shop was involved a home call was sent out and further machines despatched to the spot. The fire was burning fiercely in the ground floor of the premises when the Brigade arrived, but by prompt and effective action the Brigade confined the outbreak to the rattan ware shops. The ground floor was completely burned out, a large quantity of rattan ware being destroyed. The Brigade returned to headquarters about 9 o'clock.

TOKYO-PRAGUE.

FORCED DOWN.

Tokyo, Sept. 12. The Czech plane was forced to land at Okayama at 12.55 this afternoon, due to unfavourable weather at Korea.—*Reuter*.

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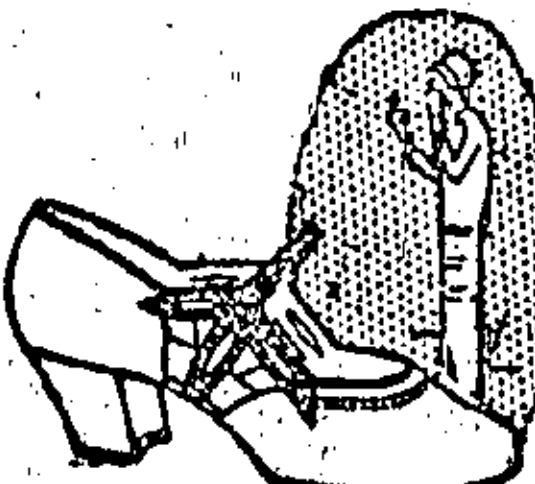
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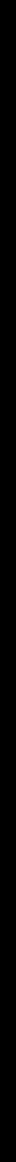
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COLLAPSE OF A CITY BUILDING.—Shortly before midnight on August 6, part of the Commercial Union Assurance Company's building in Cornhill collapsed, one side of the structure falling into the street and a neighbouring building site. Our picture shows the damage. (Times copyright).



A YOUNG GORILLA.—Anyone who would like to have this for a playmate may purchase it for \$5,000. It's the first baby gorilla ever to reach the U. S. alive Mr. George M. Bistany, collector for zoological parks, is the owner.

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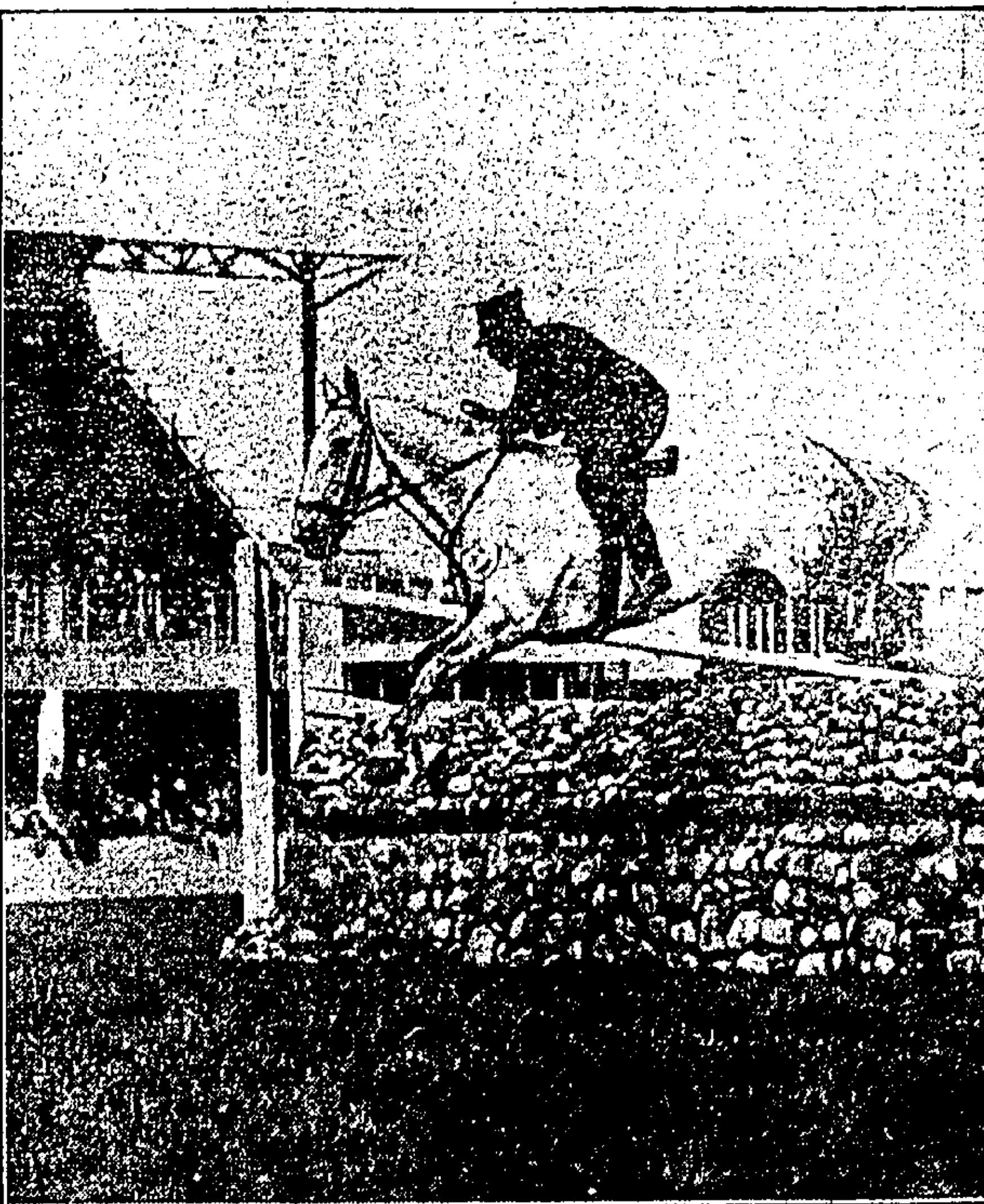
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PRETTY SHANGHAI WEDDING.—A pretty wedding took place at H. B. M. Consulate at Shanghai on August 23, when Miss Sophie Leo Damant, daughter of Mrs. R. Leykin became the bride of Mr. Herbert Zimmerman, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Zimmerman, of Singapore. The flower girls were the Misses Dorothy Ruchwaldy and Mussia Pereleman. Mr. A. C. Sinclair was best man.



THE DUBLIN HORSE SHOW.—Our picture shows Captain Von der Weid (Switzerland) on Royal Gris, winner of the military jumping competition at Dublin. The International team contest for the Aga Khan's Challenge cup was held on August 5. (Times copyright).



CREW OF THE PRIMAUGUET.—The crew of the French Cruiser Primauguet, one of the most up-to-date men-of-war now in China waters, which recently arrived in Shanghai on a tour round the world, and is moored off the Chinese Bund. The Primauguet will probably remain in Shanghai two months, after which she will return home via Panama.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 8th October, 1927, and Monday, 10th October, 1927, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at twelve o'clock noon on Saturday 24th September, 1927.

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26	280	434	545	721
160	303	447	636	780
214	332	484	651	789
274	347	499	664	838

and will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on Friday, the 30th September, 1927, in exchange for surrender of same.

By Order,

A. H. ABBAS,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 8th September, 1927.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

In terms of Debenture Conditions Nos. 12, 13 and 14, the Drawing of 20 Additional Debentures (1920 issue—\$500 each) was held in the Club House on THURSDAY, the 8th September, 1927, when the following Debentures were drawn for redemption:—

19	234	361	609	726
33	261	480	623	745
147	271	515	655	806
224	341	566	691	831

These Debentures will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on Saturday, the 31st March, 1928, in exchange for surrender of same.

By Order,

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PEAK CLUB.

The Bowling Green is now available for play and a Notice is being sent to all Members and Subscribers regarding conditions of membership and play.

The Green will be informally opened on Wednesday, 14th September, at 5.15 p.m. and all Members and Subscribers who are interested are cordially invited to attend.

Players must wear Rubber Soled Shoes without heels.

E. B. C. HORNELL,
Hon. Secretary.

THE MACAO RACE CLUB.

Draft Programme and Entry Forms for an Unofficial Race Meeting to be held on Sunday, 18th September, 1927, (weather permitting) may be obtained from the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd.

Entries will close on Saturday, 17th September, 1927, at 4 p.m.

The International Race and Recreation Club invite the Members and their guests to an Open Air Dance to be held at the Macao Race Course Pavilion 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, 17th September, 1927. Amusements will also be opened.

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Lots may be inspected on Monday, 19th September, 1927.

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By Appointment Auctioneers to the Admiralty, Hongkong, 6th September, 1927.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Registrar Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction on

Monday, the 19th September, 1927, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

on the premises.

The Goods and Chattels of Marie Flint, J. L. Durand, The Europe Asia Trading Co. and The Cafe Restaurant Parisien of No. 12, Pedder Street, Ground Floor and Rear Portion of First Floor.

comprising:—

Dining tables, Dining Chairs, Nice Carpets and Rugs, Oil Paintings, Pictures, Electric Colling and Table Fans, Table and Bracket Lamps and Fittings, Cutlery, Glass Ware, Linen, Ice Chests, Blackwood Ware, Wines, Liquors, Typewriters, Adding Machine, Mimeograph Machine, Desks, Safes, Filing Cabinets, Clocks, Teak and Glass Partitions, Fixtures and Fittings, Dresses and Materials, Hats, Trimmings, Hand Bags Etc., Etc.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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2 Bags Haricot Beans.
21 Bags Split Peas.
5 Cases Clocks.
7 Cases Wash Basins.
1 Case Aluminium Pots.
7 Cases Spittoons.
19 Drums Composition Paint.
16 Cases Canned Sardines.
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Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will be forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

Parcels post service between Hongkong and Ports of the Yangtze West of Hankow is temporarily suspended.

Parcels for places in Szechwan will now be accepted for transmission at senders' risk. It is to be noted that parcels are liable to delay, and that the service may be suspended again at any time.

RADIO NOTICES.

Radio Telegraph Services are now in operation between Hongkong and the following places:—French Indo-China, province of Yunnan, Canton, Swatow, Kowloon, Macau, Kwongchow, Fort Bayard, Wuchow, and Hiohow. Rates and further particulars on application to the Radio Counter, 1st Floor, G. P. O. Building.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Straits	Takliwa	September 14
Australia and Manila	Aki Maru	September 15
Europe via Suez, letters and papers		London 18th August and parcels 11th August
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Malwa	September 15
Shanghai	Liang Chow	September 15
Hakone Maru	Devanah	September 16
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Hakone Maru	September 18
Japan and Shanghai	Tango Maru	September 19
Japan and Shanghai	Katori Maru	September 20
Japan and Shanghai	Athos II.	September 27

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai	Angers	Tues., Sept. 13, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	President Lincoln	Tues., Sept. 13, 4.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Koochow	Tues., Sept. 13, 4.30 p.m

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DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

LETTUCE RICHER IN VITAMIN.

SUNLIGHT EFFECTS.

It has been realized from the first that the leafy vegetables contain large amounts of vitamin. Unfortunately the methods of study have not been such as to permit very accurate determination of the amounts of vitamin in any single specimen or as to the relative values of various portions of plants for this purpose.

Investigators in the division of home economics of Michigan State College have recently been studying the relative vitamin content of head lettuce, as compared with leaf lettuce, and of the leaves of lettuce from the inside as compared with the outside of the head, and of leaf lettuce as grown in hot-houses with that grown out of doors. As is usual with experiments of this type, animals were fed on diets containing large amounts of the various types of lettuce that were being investigated and their growth was studied in this relationship.

It was found that the leaf lettuce is better for the promotion of growth in rats that had been fed on a diet deficient in vitamin A than was the head lettuce. Furthermore, the outside green leaves of the head lettuce was far superior to the inside yellow leaves in furnishing vitamin A. In-door leaf lettuce proved to be as beneficial as outdoor leaf lettuce in producing growth.

The evidence seemed to indicate that the chlorophyll, or green colouring matter of the plant, had some definite relationship to the vitamin A that was present. However, this was not especially proved.

Of course, the relationship of the sunlight to the growing plant is also involved in this consideration. It is not possible to know how much sunlight penetrates from outside of the head of lettuce to the inner regions, nor is it possible to know the amount of vitamin in the leaves at various times in the course of the growth. Certainly, however, it is important to know that these factors do play a part and that all kinds of lettuce are not equally efficient in their content of the growth-producing factor known as vitamin A.

MAGISTRATE CHASES ARMED MEN.

EXCITEMENT IN SINGAPORE STREET.

In the street of Singapore, one might at any moment be brought into unpleasant (nay, dangerous, and perchance fatal) contact with any of the shootings or stabbings that are almost a daily occurrence, says the *Strait Times*.

This fact was emphasised last week in the exciting experience of Mr. C. H. Dakers, the Third Police Magistrate. He was on his way to office, when in Havelock Road, 300 yards from the Chinese Secretariat, coming upon several Chinese attacking another with knives, he left his car and went to the aid of the apparently badly wounded man.

Whether the assailants would have fled at Mr. Dakers' approach if they had been armed with pistols instead of knives is matter for surmise, but that is what they did, and in the chase that ensued up Havelock Road, Mr. Dakers' Malay syce, who was a few paces ahead of his master, was able to seize one of the men.

Bloodstained Knife.

On the way back to the waiting car, in which the wounded man was brought to the Central Police Station and conveyed thence in an ambulance to hospital, Mr. Dakers picked up a bloodstained knife, dropped by one of the fugitives.

A few minutes after the occurrence a Pathan civilian brought in a fleeing Chinese and a Malay policeman another, and a second knife was picked near the scene of the attack by Mr. W. H. Gattfield, of the Chinese Protectorate.

The apathy with which such street incidents are regarded by the average Chinese crowd in Singapore, and but for which perhaps these ruffians would not be so ready to resort to violence, was emphasised by Mr. Dakers in response to enquiries by a *Strait Times* representative. "There was a crowd of Chinese watching the man being attacked," said Mr. Dakers, "and not one of them made any effort either to prevent it or seize any of the assailants."

CHINESE SOCIETIES CLASH.

MANY CASUALTIES IN SINGAPORE.

Singapore, Sept. 6. Secret Society fights between Teochow factions have been rife during the week-end, with the result that over a score of dead and wounded have been admitted to the hospitals.

The worst affray took place in Balestier Road late on Saturday night, where a fight began amongst a section of a large crowd watching a wayang. Inspector Judge arrived from Kandang Kerbau Station with a party of police, but owing to the crowd, it was impossible to identify the "bad hats." Eleven wounded men were collected and taken to the Tan Tock Seng Hospital, where four of them died.

About eight o'clock on Saturday night, a serious disturbance started in Holloway Lane, near the Egg Club, and when Inspector Judge arrived with a party, he found five men suffering from knife wounds. They were quickly removed to Tan Tock Seng Hospital. A house in Bain Street was searched by the police and hundreds of bottles, bricks and other missiles were collected and removed to the station.

The police were just in time to prevent a serious outbreak at Boat Quay, where thirty arrests were effected, and a large number of bricks, bottles, poles, etc. seized. A Teochow was brought to the Central Station on Sunday about 8.45, suffering from eleven stab wounds all over the body. He was unable to speak, and died on the way to hospital. How or where he was stabbed is at present unknown.

HANKOW'S ROAD PERILS.

A CALLOUS MOTORIST.

Hankow, Sept. 2.

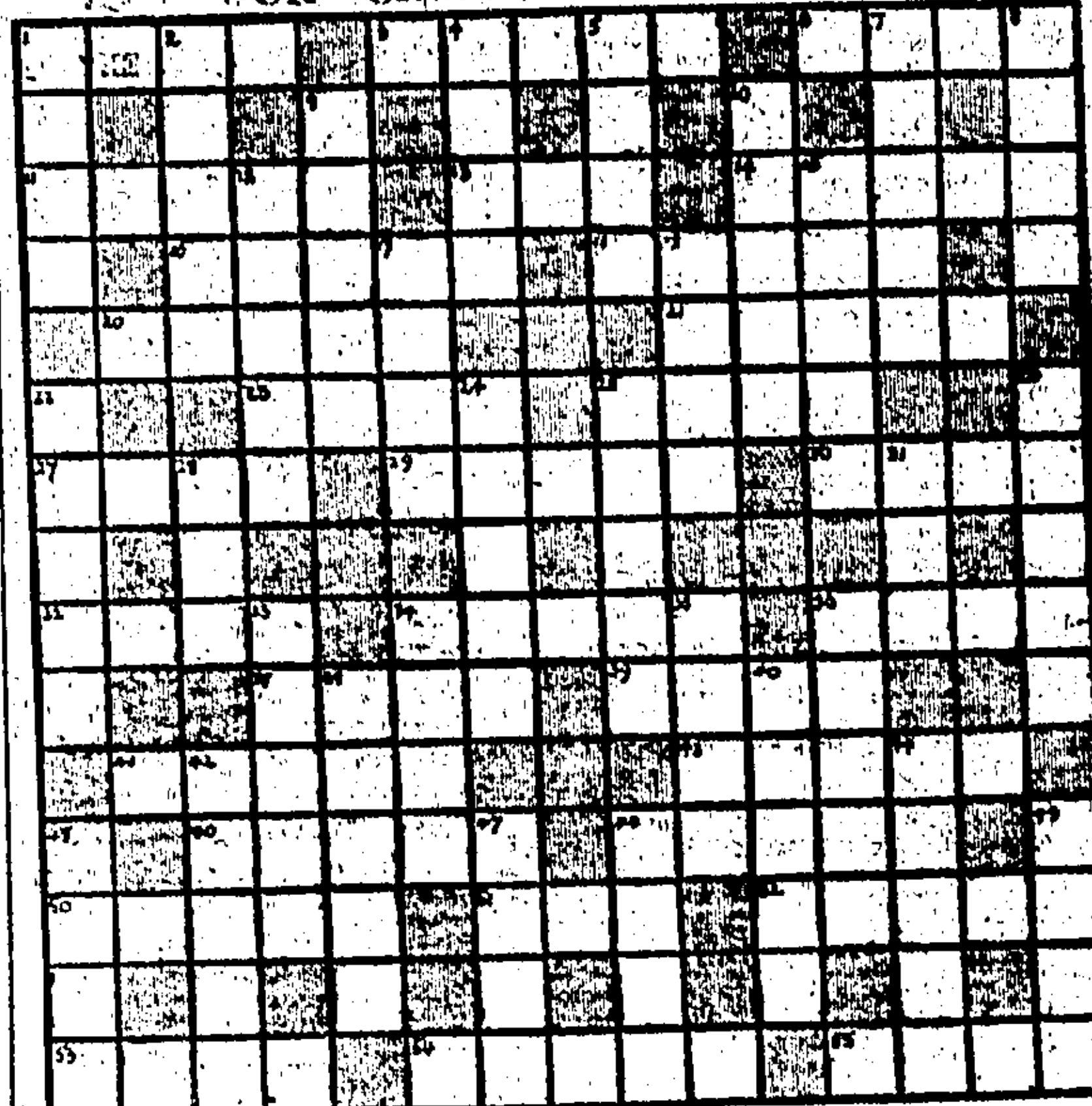
An illustration of how callous and cowardly a motorist can be was given on the Bund at about a quarter to nine yesterday evening.

Road-hogging, and evidently on an evening joy ride, this motorist knocked down a coolie on the S.A.D. No. 2 Bund, but instead of stopping he stepped on his accelerator. Police whistles then began to blow and an armed constable fired a shot, whereupon the driver turned away from the river round by the San Peh offices. He went round with such speed that one of his mudguards scraped against a tree. He then turned into Rue Dubail, and accelerating to above sixty soon disappeared in the direction of the ex-British concession.

At the time of the accident the owner of the car was not known, but one of the policemen on duty reported that he had noted the number as being 281.

A curious circumstance attending Cardinal Csernoch's death recently is the fact that it was announced a full week before it actually occurred by the official Vatican organ *Osservatore Romano*, which published a long obituary notice accompanied by an edifying description of the cardinal's last moments.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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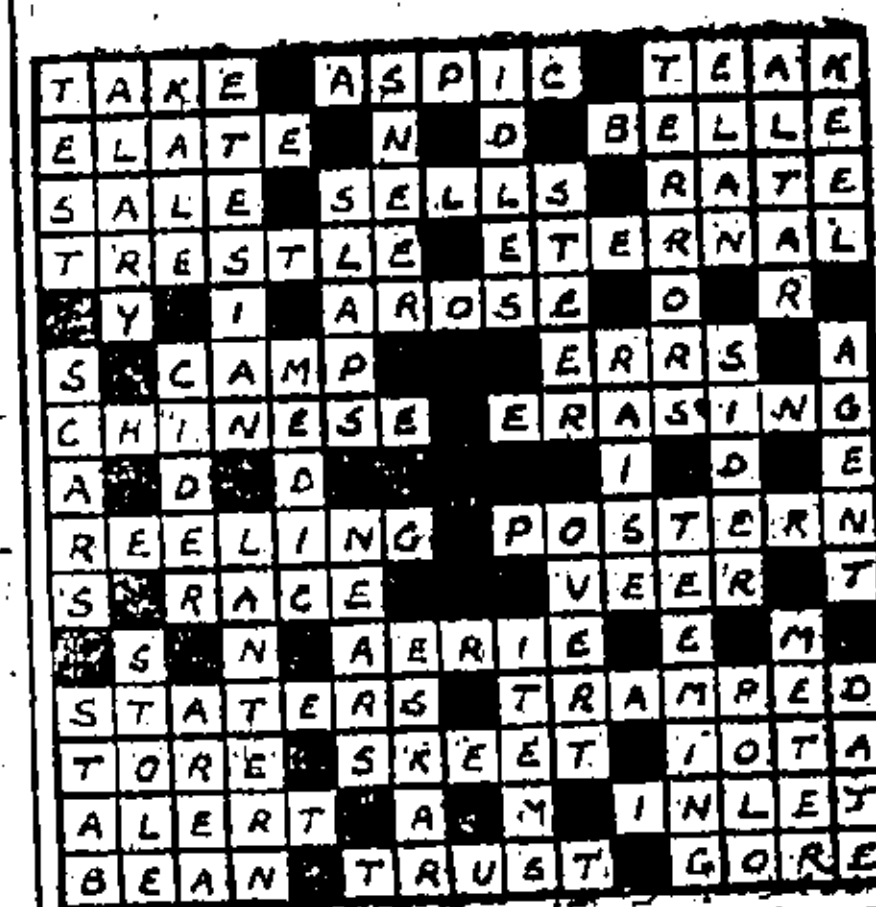
- 1 Flax.
- 3 Musical instruments.
- 6 Went fast.
- 11 Simpleton.
- 12 Noise.
- 14 Rigid.
- 16 Festivals.
- 18 Stories.
- 20 Water bird.
- 21 Charges.
- 22 A sufficiency.
- 25 Battering irons.
- 27 Snakes.
- 29 Calls by name.
- 30 Female sheep.
- 32 Ages.
- 34 Broods.
- 36 Shrub.
- 37 Beverages.
- 39 Prophet.
- 41 Little.
- 43 Useless plants.
- 46 Summon forth.
- 48 The Devil.
- 50 Precipitous.
- 61 Apex.
- 62 Literary composition.
- 63 Scarf.
- 64 Ties up.
- 65 Hindu cultivator.

Down.

- 1 Small rope.
- 2 Dress with a sharp-pointed hammer.
- 4 Join.
- 5 Gasp.
- 7 Lever.
- 8 Clever.
- 9 Doorway of Egyptian temple.
- 10 Religion of Mohammed.
- 12 Challenges.

- 15 Concise.
- 17 In a little while.
- 19 At a distance.
- 22 Fords.
- 24 Commodities.
- 25 Amounts of paper.
- 26 Song.
- 28 Vegetable.
- 31 Gloomy.
- 33 Stanza.
- 34 Discourse.
- 35 Bristle.
- 36 Tapestry.
- 38 Run away.
- 40 Corroded.
- 42 Comes face to face with.
- 44 Place among the gods.
- 45 Employ.
- 47 Ladies reticule.
- 48 Spade.
- 49 Ait.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



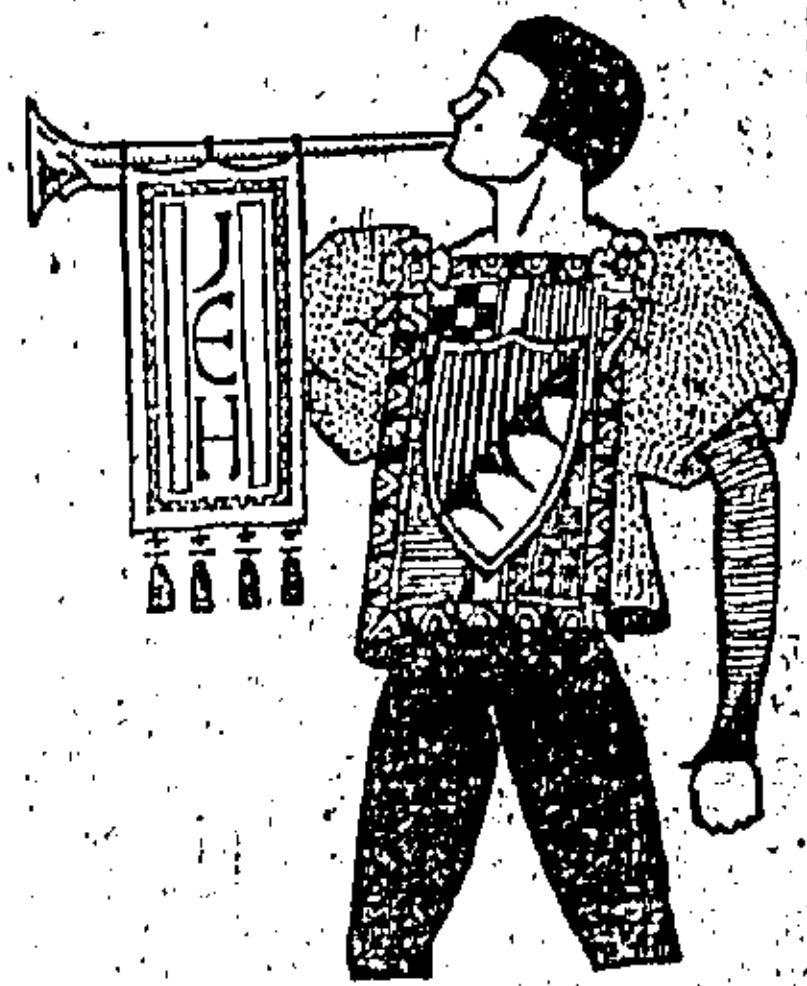
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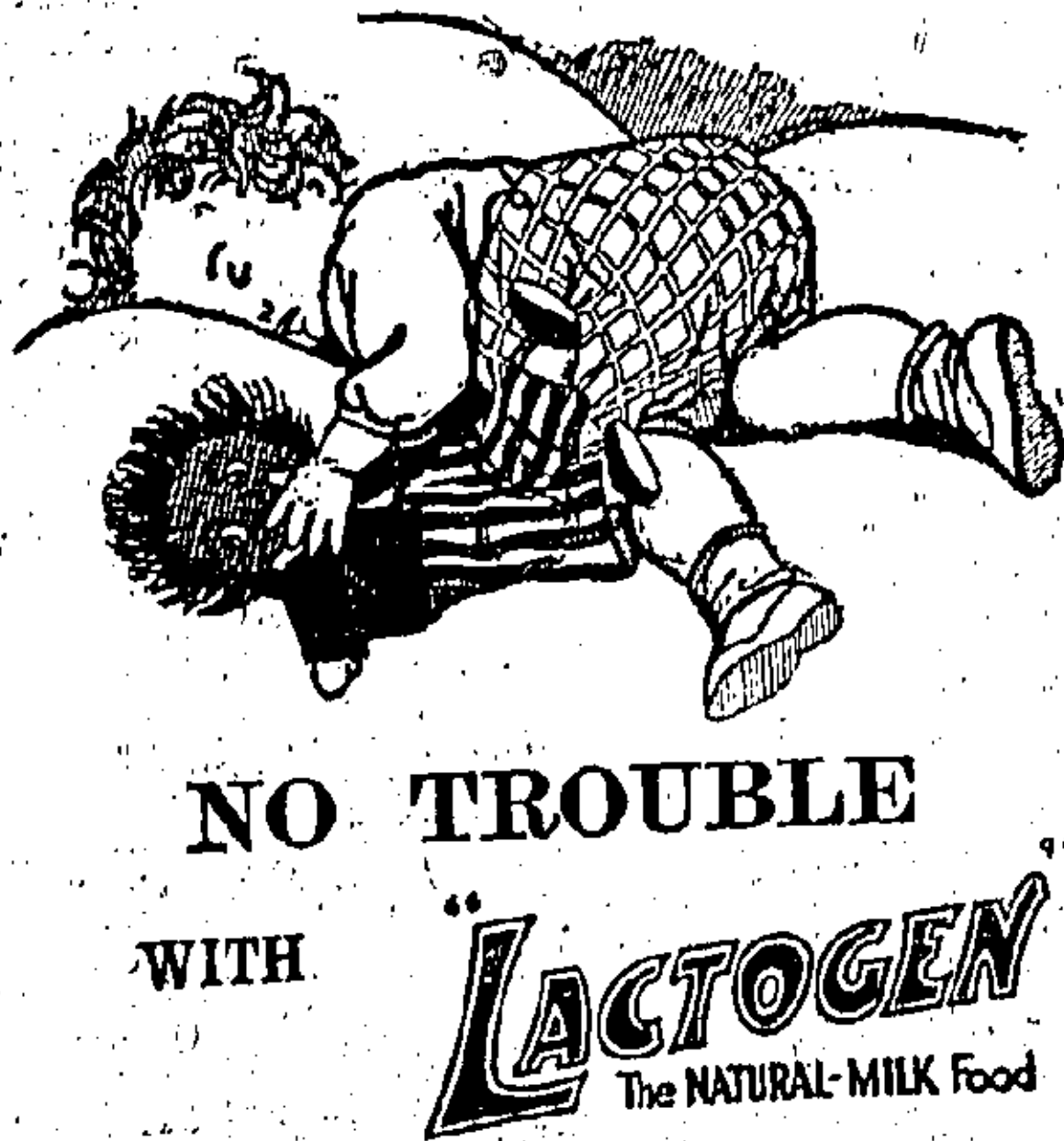
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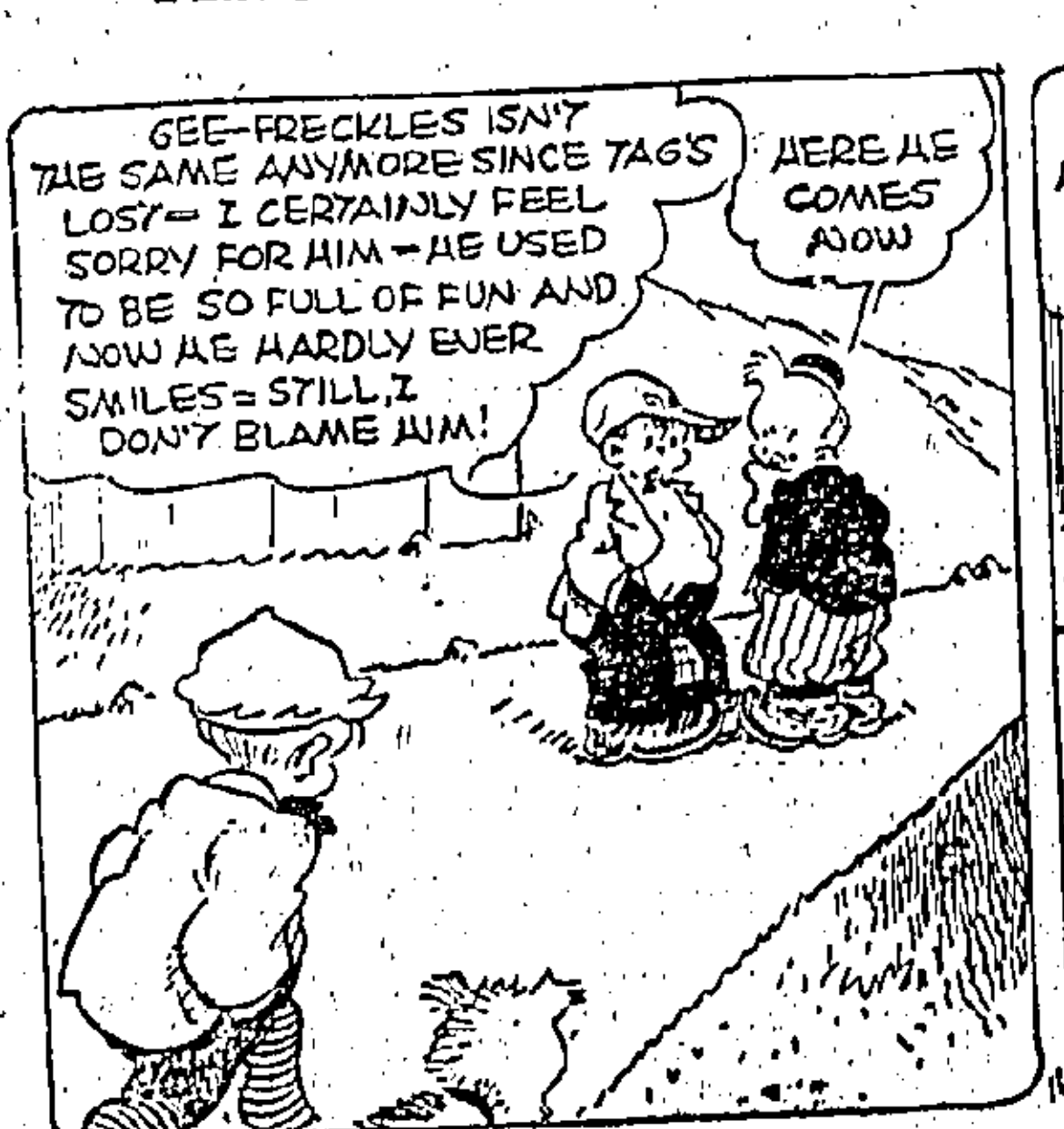
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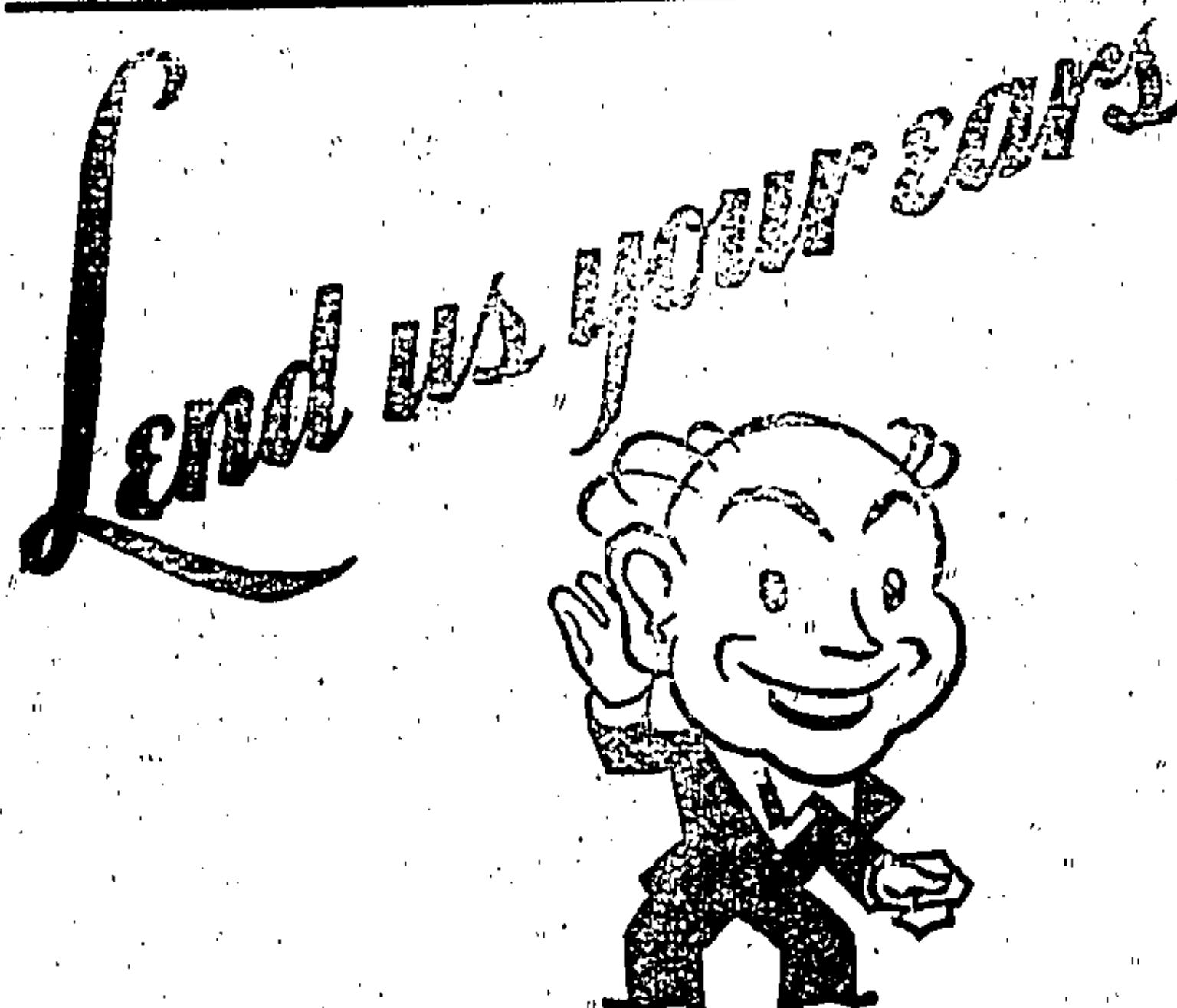
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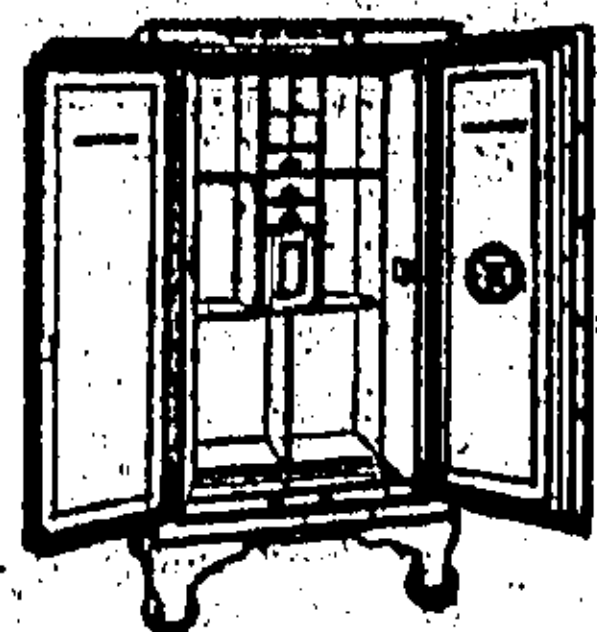
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BRITISH LABOUR AND RUSSIA.

The Trade Unions Congress at Edinburgh has decided, by a very large majority, that British Labour should break off negotiations with the Russian trade unions. This significant conclusion to the discussion marks the culmination of a steadily hardening opinion against the Soviet methods of conducting international labour affairs. It is characteristic of the Moscow gang that they should have expected British trade unions to kneel under to them, in a form of concurrence to all that the Soviet dictated which was nothing short of abjectness. Sometimes one cannot help wondering whether the Soviet is sincere in its attempts to win the labour organisations of the world to its side. If it thinks that insulting messages on the eve of an important conference are the right way of going about the business of breeding goodwill, it has now been disillusioned. Rather do we suspect that the Russian trade unions some time ago realised that their chances of winning the British working-man over to their ideas were small, and that their efforts to create serious dissension in the British Labour ranks, as well as foster discontent of a revolutionary description, were doomed to failure. They tried their best, with the subscriptions and propaganda they freely distributed, to make of the big coal strike a revolt of labour against constituted authority, but signally failed. The strike also failed. The Soviet's charge at that failure can be read in the abusive tone of its telegram last week to the T.U.C., in which certain leaders of trade unionism were termed traitors to their cause. What British Labour thinks of the Russian aspirations is definitely contained in the result of the voting at Edinburgh, and still more so in the speeches of prominent leaders in the different forms of industrial activity.

"Let us no longer pursue a pretence of unity which does not exist," declared Mr. Clynes. The vast majority of the congress agreed with him. There never has been any unity of purpose, and there never can be, in the relations of Soviet organisations with the Labour Party in Britain.

As one speaker put it, Moscow has wanted all along to choose the drama, and set the stage, and call the tune. The working classes the world over were merely to be obedient puppets. That policy is doomed to failure wherever commonsense prevails, and there can be no doubt now in the minds of the Russian Bolsheviks who hoped to control the British industrial movement that they will never succeed in the British Isles. In Russia the labour movement is essentially a Communist one: in Britain it is not. There is the fundamental difference, and so long as the Labour Party at Home retains its programme of obtaining its desires by constitutional means, that difference will remain. There is an admission in one utterance, at the Edinburgh congress, that British unions have been humiliated in the course of their negotiations with Moscow. It is humiliating to have to state that, but it carries its lesson of avoidance of such intercourse in the future. At the congress of the International Federation of Trade Unions, a month ago, Mr. Purcell, the British president of the Federation, was ousted from his post owing to his desire to get the organisation to effect a rapprochement with the All-Russian trade unions. There was a definite body of Continental opposition apparent. Perhaps we see in the Edinburgh decision a part sequel to that international discussion. At any rate the Russian Communists have distinct proof now that all their machinations with a view to turning the British Labour movement into a class revolution have been in vain. The significance of that fact will be realised all over the world.

The Davis Cup.

There will have been much satisfaction throughout the world of sport at the fact that France has this year won the Davis Cup, not because one is in any way pleased to see America lose but because it does such a lot of good for these big international sport trophies to pass round among the nations. For several years after the Davis Cup was started the British Isles had a long run of wins and then Australasia had an unbroken sequence for five years—a fact which did not help to encourage smaller nations to compete. For the past seven years, America has appeared to be invincible and with the growing prowess of such men as Tilden, Johnston and Hunter it seemed as though the crown was destined to remain in America for several years yet. But France, then whom no country has made greater progress in tennis since the war, was a serious challenger last year and now her great players Lacoste and Cochet have set the seal of success on their efforts by defeating in single-handed contests Tilden and Johnstone. Many congratulations will have been extended to them on thus gaining for France her first win in this great series—perhaps the most attractive of all the international sport contests. America has had a big innings in practically all realms—golf, tennis, polo, boxing and track events, but as regards the last-named it was pleasing to notice that the two leading English Universities, defeated Yale and Harvard at a recent meeting. America is a land where sport is taken very seriously and where has been produced some of the world's finest exponents, and so we are pleased to see other countries getting their share of "victories" because it shows that the general level of excellence is rising up to a new high standard. It is not so very many years ago since Britain used to produce a class of athlete and games player above the general average, but that day has gone although she continues to hold honourable place among those who have come up alongside her. It is now someone's turn to go after France for the Davis Cup, for it is that spirit of friendly rivalry plus the circulation of the honours that makes sport so great a factor in the promotion of friendliness among the nations.

The body of a British sailor, a member of the crew of H.M.S. Kluwo, who fell overboard just before the vessel was due to leave with the commercial delegation going to investigate conditions up river, was recovered on September 2 at Hankow. It rose to the surface near H.M.S. Widegon during the forenoon and was taken to the Roman Catholic Hospital mortuary.

DAY BY DAY.

TIME IS THE CHRYSLIS OF ETERNITY.—Richter.

Among the passengers leaving to-day by the s.s. "Taiping" was Mr. J. H. Brister.

The s.s. Yatshing, arriving from Shanghai this morning, reports the discovery of one stowaway on board.

The new bowling green at the Peak Club is now open for play, and will be informally opened to-morrow evening at 5.15.

A continuance of the present fine weather is promised. To-day's Royal Observatory forecast is: "North-east winds, moderate; fair."

Another dog was removed, yesterday, to the depot at Kennedy Town following an attack it made on a Chinese woman at No. 8 Cat-chick Street. The woman was given treatment at the Government Civil Hospital.

An Unofficial Race Meeting will be held by the Macao Race Club on Sunday, September 18th, the track not being yet quite suitable for a main fixture. The 4th. Extra Race Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 2.

The troopship Herminius was due to arrive in Hongkong this afternoon from Shanghai having on board the Devons for Malta, and other units. The vessel will embark here about 500 "A" reservists of the Camerons (Scottish Rifles) who are being sent home.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 13 arrivals and 18 departures, of which four and two respectively were British, leaving 63 vessels in harbour, British 25. Tonnage was fair, with Japanese carrying the best inward cargoes and American the highest through freights.

At 12.45 yesterday afternoon, a Chinese is reported to have decided to take his life by jumping from the third floor of No. 83, Third Street, into a lane at the rear of the house. He was fatally injured, and died an hour after admission into the Government Civil Hospital.

Among those arriving to-day from Japan and Shanghai by the s.s. Shinyo Maru were Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham, Lieut. J. A. Barthorp, Mr. E. Crimble, Mrs. T. S. Morrison, Mrs. J. Maitland, Mr. A. E. W. Davis, Mrs. S. V. Davis, Miss M. M. Tyrrell, and Miss I. D. Mackenzie.

The electric light supply to Happy Valley district failed shortly after nine o'clock last night, and the service was still out of commission this morning. The breakdown was due to a defect which developed in a transformer, but repairs are being effected, and the service will probably be restored this afternoon.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day: Takliwa, Liangchow, Taiping, Hai-hong, Seistan, Angers, Bintang, President Grant, President Harrison, President Lincoln, Tjibodas, Miyo Maru, Aki Maru, Kishu Maru, Takliwa Maru, Westkade, Yuensang, Hangsang, Corona, Kabanga.

A notice to mariners states that the installation of the new lighting apparatus at Chapel Island near Amoy, will be completed on or about the 26th September, 1927. The new lighting apparatus will be dioptric of the first order. The character of the new light will be group-flashing, showing one flash followed by three flashes every 20 seconds, and will be visible 22 miles in clear weather. The height of the centre of the light above high water is 227 feet. The temporary light which is at present being exhibited will be discontinued simultaneously with the exhibition of the new light.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Sept. 12.
Paris	124
Geneva	25.21
Berlin	20.44
Vienna	34.50
Madrid	23.78
Bucharest	7.90
Bombay	1/5.15/16
Yokohama	1/11.3/16
New York	4.86 3/16
Amsterdam	12.13 3/4
Stockholm	18.10
Prague	1.14
Lisbon	2.7/19
Rio	65/64
Shanghai	2/3
Brussels	34.91
Milan	89.40
Copenhagen	18.10
Helsingfors	1.19
Athens	3.85
Buenos Aires	47.61/64
Hongkong	1/11 1/4
Silver (spot and forward)	25 1/2

—British Wireless.

LATE CANTON ITEMS.

REPEAL OF RENT TAX.

(A Special Correspondent.)

Canton, Sept. 12. Gen. Fung Chuk-man, the New Provincial Treasurer, is fast becoming a popular figure with the people and merchants. This official has been directly responsible for the cancellation of the rent tax recently imposed on all stores in the city. All the merchants aver that this is likely to create a much better feeling between the people and government. However, the tax in respect of dwelling houses is not to be done away with, and when paid by the owners of houses, is being put to the use of purchasing new arms for the Police Department.

Reform of Calendar.

Conferences are again being held in Canton to discuss another attempt to reform the Chinese calendar. In previous years similar projects have been put forward, but up to the present very little has come of the attempt. The people desirous of the reformation are anxious that the calendar be revised in some respects, and in other cases to be worked on a similar system to the calendar in use by foreign nations. It is thought that it would improve all business methods and that all merchants keeping and running their accounts in accordance with the foreign calendar are likely to be more up-to-date and inspire confidence with the people with whom they deal. Landlords are also shown that they should keep their rent books in this way.

It is rumoured that a scheme will be put into operation in Canton on the first of October (foreign calendar) but it is generally supposed that the officials anxious for this change will not be supported by the people.

Confiscated Money.

An inquiry has been made recently into the question of the monies seized by the authorities, from merchants who were surreptitiously trying to take their wealth into Shamen and other places, during the recent financial trouble.

The money has been held by the Police Department, but it has now been proved that in some cases merchants caught in this apparent act against the law were in reality not transgressors, but were only taking the money from the city to other places in the ordinary course of business. However, in cases where it can be definitely proved that merchants were acting contrary to orders issued by the Government the total amount of the money will not be seized, but a heavy fine will be imposed.

In connexion with this, rumours were current some days ago that a well-known foreign bank had been interfered with by the police, whilst members of the staff were importing local silver into Shamen for the use of the bank. But, apparently, it was only a rumour for nothing seems to be known of the affair by foreigners connected with the banking business.

SOVIET CONDEMNS "SPIES."

ENGLISHMAN TO BE SHOT.

Leningrad, Sept. 12. Judgment has been given in the trial of 26 alleged "spies and terrorists" who were brought to trial a month ago. Nine have been sentenced to death and will be shot. They include an Englishman named Goyer. Thirteen have been condemned to imprisonment for from six months to eight months. Four were acquitted.—Reuter.

"OLD GLORY" LOCATED.

WRECKAGE FOUND, BUT NO CREW.

New York, Sept. 12. The Daily Mirror publishes a bulletin from the steamer Kyle, searching for the aeroplane "Old Glory," which was on the way from America to Italy, stating that it has located the wreckage of the "Old Glory" in Lat. 51.17 Long. 39.23. There is no sign of the crew.—Reuter's American Service.

INDIAN RAILWAY LOCK-OUT.

REPLY TO REFUSAL TO WORK.

Calcutta, Sept. 12. Following the action of 3,000 men of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway workshop in Kharagpur, who turned up for work but did none as a protest against the retrenchment of 700 others, the management declared a shop lock-out affecting 10,000 people.—Reuter.

The Very Idea!

On one occasion Isaac had a theological argument with a student from Marischal College. The young fellow denied the existence of the lower regions.

"Vat you say?" exclaimed Isaac, "no hell? Then vair has pizness gont to?"

With fishing pole and bait in hand
Out on the deck he strolled.
He sat out in the wind all day,
And caught—a lovely cold.

Len. Nettiefold was beaten in the final of the Swiss amateur golf championship by 5 and 4 in a match over 36 holes.

The contest apparently took place on the famous Gruyere course, which has more holes to the square inch than any other links in the world. In a country which abounds with so many holes, when a complete 18-hole course is available on every roadside, it is surprising that the Swiss have not made the presence felt before this. In the world of golf, there are few prettier Alpine sights than the spectacle of a hardy Swiss cheese-farmer leaping from hole to hole. An advantage like this, combined with a contemptuous familiarity with holes, should assist any Swiss golfer to reduce his handicap.

"Because people use bad language in a restaurant it does not mean that they are bad characters," said Mr. Gilbert St. John McDonald, a barrister, yesterday, at the London Sessions.

"You can hear bad language at a golf club—so bad that sometimes even a man like myself blushes at it," he added. "I have just come from a first-class golf club, where you can hear the most awful language at times."

"The grass will not grow on some courses because of it."

Liberty is the finest teacher in the world.—Lady Nels.

Girls are much more conscientious than boys.—Canon W. R. Dawson.

Every city, especially every manufacturing city should have a Shakespeare theatre.—Miss Lillian Baylis.

I am no admirer of English community-singing: It is magnificent but it is not music.—Sir Vincent Evans.

Whoever thinks the Russian regime can be imposed in this country is living in a fool's paradise.—Mr. J. H. Thomas.

"Last night I played poker with my wife."

"Which won?"

"I say, how many wives do you think I have?"

Among the "howlers" perpetrated by pupils at a Huddersfield School during a recent examination were the following:—

Who is the President of the U.S.A.?—(1) Sir Austen Chamberlain. (2) Mr. Cook.

What is the Grand National?—An anthem.

The Korak is the Bible of the Mohammedans.

Who had a wart on his nose?—John Brown's baby.

Anchimed was a man who looked through a telescope at the Spanish Armada and so set it on fire and said:—"I have singed the King of Spain's beard." And he lived in a tub.

Who invented the railway engine?—(1) George Washington. (2) Caxton.

Who discovered the South Pole?—Robinson Crusoe.

Who has the Wizard of the North?—(1) Lloyd George. (2) Ramsey MacDonald. (3) The Great Carmo.

"As a matter of fact," observed the host, his daughter having just given the company a song, "I'm sending her abroad to finish her singing lessons."

"I don't blame you," remarked a guest, sympathetically.

The Privy Council has given permission to the members of the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics, of whom there are 410 masseurs and 5,850 masseuses, to take the title of Chartered Masseuse, or "Chartered Masseuse."

Sir Thomas Horder is President of the Society, the members of which worked during the war in massage departments at naval and military hospitals, and at convalescent camps, the organisation then having over 3,000 certificated workers.

Subsequent to the closing of the premises of the Europe-Asia Trading Company, it has been discovered that a desk telephone is missing. In a report to the police yesterday, Mr. Kirkwood, an assistant engineer of the Telephone Company, states that the telephone must have been stolen some time during the past two months.

IN CANTON FROM DAY TO DAY.

SEAMEN'S UNION OFFICIAL MURDERED.

TAXATION RELIEF.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Sept. 12. Last week-end, an important official of the Seamen's Union was stabbed to death in Tai Ping Road South. Lee Sui-nam, the victim in question, was returning to the Union and when he was about to reach that vicinity an assailant suddenly appeared and drawing two daggers stabbed Lee in the back puncturing his lungs.

The victim was armed and tried to pull his revolver, but the wound so weakened him he was unable to shoot the attacker, who succeeded in escaping. This murder, it is believed, is connected with the recent bomb explosion in a restaurant on the same street. A gang of radical seamen are said to be dissatisfied with the present officials of the Seamen's Union and want to eliminate them by violence.

Lee was taken to a hospital where he subsequently succumbed to his injuries.

Military Defence.

The latest report from the Eastern front states that bandits and peasant corps are still holding Mai Yuen and Hoi Luk Fung. However, the Government troops are making an attempt to surround the town of Hoi Luk Fung, the chief official of which has disappeared. The Military Headquarters in Canton has ordered General Woo Him to recapture the town.

It is understood that the enemy has made no further progress on the Northern front. From a reliable source, it is learned that only a small enemy force was sent there to give trouble to the Government troops so that they cannot be despatched to the Eastern front where the real attack will be concentrated.

Large forces are now garrisoning Waichow and Shek Lung on the East River. Shek Lung, on the Canton-Kowloon Railway, will be the last line of defence as that town is only 35 miles south-east of Canton. The best troops of General Li Chai-sum are guarding these two centres.

Tax Relief.

The Provincial Government has notified the general public that the second levy on rents, to be used for military expenses, is no longer required. This action has been taken by General Li Chai-sum, who, it is reported, says that the people of Kwangtung are already over-taxed. Since the Nationalist Government has been extended to several provinces all should share the burden of maintaining the army expenses, declares General Li.

General Fung Chuk-man, the new Commissioner of Finance, has instructed his subordinates to return these taxes which were already paid by many landlords or tenants.

AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

HOW IT PASSED OFF IN CANTON.

Canton, Sept. 12. The Autumn festival passed by very quietly in this city, although the flying of much bunting told the observer that this was no ordinary day with the Chinese people.

All public offices, including the Customs office, and business houses were closed and many of the foreign firms doing business in the city, realizing that it was useless to keep open, took the day off. The firms on Shamen remained open during Saturday morning.

The usual routine of visiting friends and relatives during this time was carried out by most of the better class people of the city, whilst the labourers and coolies found pleasure in parading the streets and attending the fairs and various picture shows in town. But there seemed a marked absence of actual gaiety, perhaps the knowledge of recent troubles in the Government accounting for this. Although, contrary to this last statement, it is said that the vendors of fruits and the moon-cake delicacies did a better business than ever this year. But again perhaps this can be answered for by the fact that there has been an abundance of fruit this season, pomegranates especially being very cheap.

AMERICANS REVISIT FRANCE.

EX-SOLDIERS ON SPECIAL PILGRIMAGE.

COMMUNISTS ALOOF.

New York, Sept. 12.

Escorted to sea by naval airships amid cheers, the waving of flags, and the music of military bands, America's greatest wartime transport the Leviathan left New York for France with the last contingent of the American Legion, headed by General John J. Pershing, bound for Paris for the Legion's National Convention.

The Leviathan is the last of the twenty-seven ships which carried altogether 18,223 American ex-soldiers and their families to the Convention. Great preparations have been made for their reception in Paris including the arrests of many communists, who it was feared might cause disturbances on the occasion of the Convention. The same apprehension was apparently responsible for the cancellation of the elaborate arrangements at Cherbourg for the civic reception of the Leviathan party.

In the meanwhile the Paris communists have decided not to interfere with the Convention's march past on the 19th inst., but to confine themselves to demonstrations in the suburbs.—*Reuter's American Service.*

French Preparations.

Paris, Sept. 12. The elaborate preparations for the reception of the American Legion, include a great banquet to be given on September 19. After the march past, in which 2,000 American ex-soldiers and 2,000 French will take part, the Legion will be the guests of the Government.

The problem of providing accommodation for so many has been solved by the decision to use the roof over the Great Courtyard of the Invalides, where dining tables, buffets and kitchens will be installed.—*Reuter.*

MR. DE VALERA'S AIMS EXPOUNDED.

NO SUDDEN CHANGES CONTEMPLATED.

London, Sept. 12.

Mr. De Valera, the Irish Republican leader, in a manifesto issued to-day declares that, "By its recent action in entering the Free State Parliament, my party has already given earnest that in the pursuit of its ideals it is prepared to face and accept the existing realities. If returned in a majority at the coming election, and entrusted with power, it will try to prove that hard-headed common sense is not incompatible with true national idealism. The sinister design of aiming at bringing about a sudden revolutionary upheaval, with which our opponents choose to credit us, is altogether foreign to our purpose and programme. We shall proceed as a responsible constitutional Government, acknowledging without reserve that all authority comes through the sovereign people, and that before any important step likely to involve their safety is taken, the people are entitled to be taken into the fullest consultation."—*British Wireless.*

CANTON EXECUTIONS.

OVER 100 SINCE FRIDAY.

Canton, Sept. 12.

The executioner has had a busy time during the last few days for it is stated that no fewer than one hundred people have suffered the extreme penalty since Friday last. The majority of these, so report says, were plotters against the Government, Communist agents, and in some cases robbers and marauders.

Statistics show that on the morning of the 9th. (Friday) eleven persons met their death in this way, and that their offence was the printing and circulating of "Red" literature. The East Parade Ground was the scene of operations. At 2 p.m. on the same day and at the same place, nine robbers paid the penalty for previous indiscretions. The 10th inst. witnessed eighty more deaths, the execution grounds in these cases being at Hung Fa Kong and the North Parade Ground, the latter place witnessing 53 executions.

It would seem that Canton is certainly anxious to rid itself of all undesirables.

JUDGE VANISHES.

STRANGE TALE FROM WUHAN.

A CLASH OF MINISTRIES.

The disappearance of Judge Chow Bin from his post at the S. A. D. Court, which was formerly the British School, at Hankow brings to light the story of strange things and stranger doings. Just when the Judge departed does not seem to be clear but his absence was a matter of common knowledge yesterday. It may be but coincidence, but his going away coincides with an enquiry on the part of the Ministry of Justice as to whether the S. A. D. Court comes under the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, as understood since its inauguration, or under the Ministry of Justice.

Judge Chow, who is well-known among foreigners, was formerly a secretary in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The S. A. D. Court had for its object when it was inaugurated the trying of cases of a Sino-foreign character. Unfortunately at the time of its inception Russian influence in Wuhan was at its height and in his hands was a large part of the financial support the secret department is reported to have broken off its connections with the S. A. D. Court which however, continued under the auspices of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Opium, Gold and Silver.

This was quite right if the cases tried at the court had been entirely Sino-foreign but recently certain appeals which have been taken to higher jurisdiction have brought to the notice of the Ministry of Justice the fact that purely Chinese cases have appeared before Judge Chow. A difficulty has in consequence arisen when the appeal decision has been hard to carry into effect in consequence of the two Ministries clashing. In this way five cases have caused much thought. In the first an opium dealer who paid for the stamp tax but not his transportation tax had his consignment seized. The case was heard before Judge Chow, when the dealer was fined and the opium retained. The Opium Bureau thereupon applied to the Supreme Court and received a ruling for the return of the opium only to find that the drug could not be found. A second case concerned the silver embargo where a Chinese was found on the point of departing down river with five gold bars and \$2,000 in silver. He was arraigned before the Court and was found guilty of breaking the Government's order. The treasure was retained but an application to the Ministry of Finance resulted in the finding that the embargo only referred to silver and not to gold whereupon the gold was returned but a representation to the Supreme Court still later got him back some of his dollars as well, though not the sum according to judgment.

Cheka Post, Detectives Present.

Then the Ministry of Justice received a complaint from a Chinese who is alleged to have been imprisoned for six weeks on the finding of the S. A. D. Judge. When his case was heard by the Supreme Court it was laid down that according to Chinese law the penalty was a fine of \$25 or 25 days imprisonment. Then came the point of the detectives attached to the Court. The cheka was a matter of the past and as the Court was for trying cases only and not to do police work there was no use of its having a detective staff. But the Ministry of Justice had not the jurisdiction to carry out the alteration as the Court was under the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

It seems that matters reached a climax over a recent purely Chinese case concerning a promissory note. Plaintiff held that the Note was good while defendant asserted as emphatically that it had been cancelled and was null and void. The case was tried by Judge Chow and defendant was sentenced to pay a double fine, one for losing the case and another for contempt of court, while plaintiff was also requested to pay the charges of the court. Both parties therefore were not satisfied with the ruling and as they were men of standing the matter was brought to higher beings. On this the Ministry of Justice, it is said, decided to enquire earnestly into the standing of the Court. This is the position as it is to-day; the matter is not yet settled.

WOOSUNG'S ATTACK OF NERVES.

FEAR OF NORTHERN RAID BY SEA.

PRECAUTIONS TAKEN.

Shanghai, Sept. 6. Four Northern warships, headed by the Hai Chi, the biggest and best-equipped cruiser under Chinese control, have been noted lurking off Woosung Forts yesterday, from ten to 12 miles distant, and another attack upon the Forts is expected hourly. The warships are reported to be keeping out of range of the guns of the Forts during daylight hours.

Anxiety is being felt in Nationalist circles over the expected attack by the four warships which constitute a part of the Tsingtao Fleet. In the event of another attack in the immediate future it is thought probable that the four ships will be reinforced.

A visitor to the Forts on Sunday night witnessed the precautions taken by the Forts' commander against a night attack. Gun crews are standing by day and night and with the approach of darkness huge searchlights sweep the waters, seeking out enemy vessels.

Junk Causes Scare.

About 10.30 o'clock on Sunday night the searchlights centred on a vessel barely within vision of the watchful eyes at the Forts. Signals were disregarded and the Forts fired one shot. The shot did not take effect and it was later learned that the vessel was a harmless junk. The sunset-to-dawn regulations governing ships entering and leaving the harbour are being strictly enforced.

As a further precaution, soldiers of the 8th Regiment of the 3rd Division of the Nationalist army are nightly patrolling the streets in Nantao on the lookout for suspicious persons. After midnight no persons are permitted to be on the streets. Twenty-two persons were arrested by soldiers last night for disobeying this regulation of martial law. It was stated that two of the number are suspected of being spies and will be held for rigid investigation.

Planes Also Feared.

As the result of the activities of Northern planes in this vicinity, soldiers of the 12th Battalion of the 3rd Regiment of the 13th Nationalist army, stationed at Pootung have been ordered to patrol wharves and jetties on the alert for suspicious-looking persons.

Other precautionary measures adopted by the local Nationalist forces include the guarding of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway in the event of an attempt of Northern spies or sympathisers to destroy portions of the track. Soldiers have also been stationed on sections of the Shanghai-Woosung line. A careful watch on all the coming and outgoing passengers at both the North and South Stations is being maintained. Troops movements continue in Shanghai, several hundred Nationalist soldiers arriving here yesterday, in addition to another batch of 330 Northerners taken prisoner by the Southern forces.

CAUGHT RED HANDED.

ANOTHER WINDOW-SMASHING CASE.

After smashing a small show-window in the passage-way through Alexandra Buildings this morning, and snatching a shirt and a pair of shoes, a coolie was caught red-handed by a Chinese detective, whose attention was attracted by the sound of smashing glass.

The robbery was attempted about 6.30 a.m., the show-window being the property of Messrs. Mackintosh and Co., Ltd., the well-known tailoring firm.

The window was smashed in the same manner as was adopted in the case of the Kwong Sang curio shop a fortnight ago, when the thief got clear away. On this occasion a Chinese detective was close at hand, and he caught the miscreant after a short chase. The arrested man will probably be charged at the Magistracy to-morrow morning.

The University of London has considered the need which will arise for closing certain roadways and gardens in the replanning and development of the Bloomsbury site, on the north side of the British Museum. Efforts are to be made to reach an agreement with authorities interested in the district before legislation is sought for the purpose of carrying out a scheme, and during the present recess a conference will take place between representatives of the Senate and the London County Council, and there will also be consultations with the Holborn and St. Pancras borough councils.

A HANKOW LESSON IN EXCHANGE.

THE ART OF CHANGING A "KERENSKY".

MEETING POPULAR DEMAND.

The rate for Central China Bank and treasury notes forms a most interesting topic for investigation for the higher the denomination of the note the lower the exchange, comments the Hankow paper, the *Central China Post*, and continues: "Thus if one buys 'Kerenskies'—as the Central notes are called—at the quoted rate it will be found that the bundle obtained will be chiefly of the \$10 variety with a scattering of \$5. If one wishes \$1 notes a charge of 10% more is generally demanded while if one buys those notes in \$50 a 15% better rate may be obtained and if the denomination is \$100, well this might be exchanged for \$70 in the same notes. In other words the public find that it is easier to exchange the smaller amounts on the market than the larger, and when one comes down to 50c notes 20% may be demanded by the exchange."

Some Inside Information.

It was to gain some inside knowledge on this curious situation that a representative of this paper called on the Central China Bank yesterday. The rumour had been going round that the bank had been refusing to change \$10 notes to \$1 and 50 cents notes.

On seeing the manager it was learned that the Bank were not issuing any more \$10, \$5 and \$1 notes as the stock had run out, but there were ample 50 cents notes as \$50,000 worth of these were being printed every day to meet the popular demand. The Bank were therefore open and willing to exchange any denomination into 50 cents.

Why the Difference?

Why then the 20% difference demanded by the money exchangers on the streets to turn high "Kerenskies" into 50 cents ones? It was explained to our representative that this was nothing less than a squeeze on the part of the exchange shops who it was found out came along to the bank, got their small denomination notes and made a profit on them at the expense of the unsuspecting public. The bank were against such profit making and had brought in a ruling that those who wished to exchange notes should be bona fide persons. Thus any firm could have their notes changed by sending a letter along with their representative when no difficulty would be experienced whatsoever. Treasury notes were exchanged in the same way for the "Kerensky" 50 cents. So there you are, all you have to do is to walk in and not be a profiteer.

EARTHQUAKE IN RUSSIA.

ALONG COAST OF BLACK SEA.

Moscow, Sept. 12.

Three violent earthquake shocks, accompanied by underground rumblings, visited the Ukrainian, the Crimean and the North Caucasian coasts of the Black Sea. The most severe shock was at Sebastopol where houses collapsed.—*Reuter.*

Violent Shocks.

Moscow, later. The number of casualties is hitherto unknown.

Three shocks were experienced at Odessa, overturning the furniture in upper rooms and shattering windows.

The terrified inhabitants of Sebastopol, Simferopol, Odessa, and Novorossiisk spent the night in the streets.

The tremors were generally much more violent than the shocks felt in the Crimea in July.—*Reuter.*

The Rev. H. A. Hall, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Eltham, has put up a notice to the effect that "No confetti are to be thrown within the church precincts" and to ensure obedience to the rule he states that "a special fee of half a crown will be charged at each wedding, which will be returned if no confetti be thrown in the church or on the church paths." The vicar does not say who will be called upon to pay "the fine." In strict justice, it should be imposed upon the person committing the offence. The best man or member of the wedding party who usually pays the ordinary fee might object to the imposition of this additional charge, on the ground that he had nothing whatever to do with the breach of the regulation. Mr. Hall marks it clear that the half-crown will be returned "if no confetti be thrown in the porch or on the church paths," and he adds: "This fine, if it has to be imposed, will be given to the person who has to sweep the confetti up."

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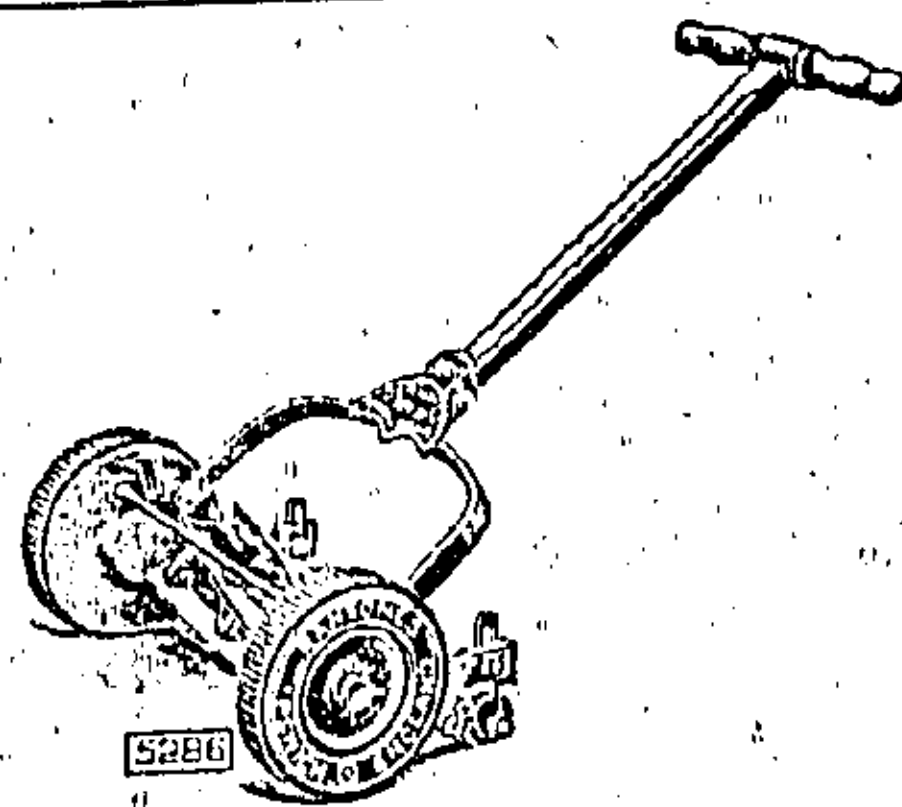
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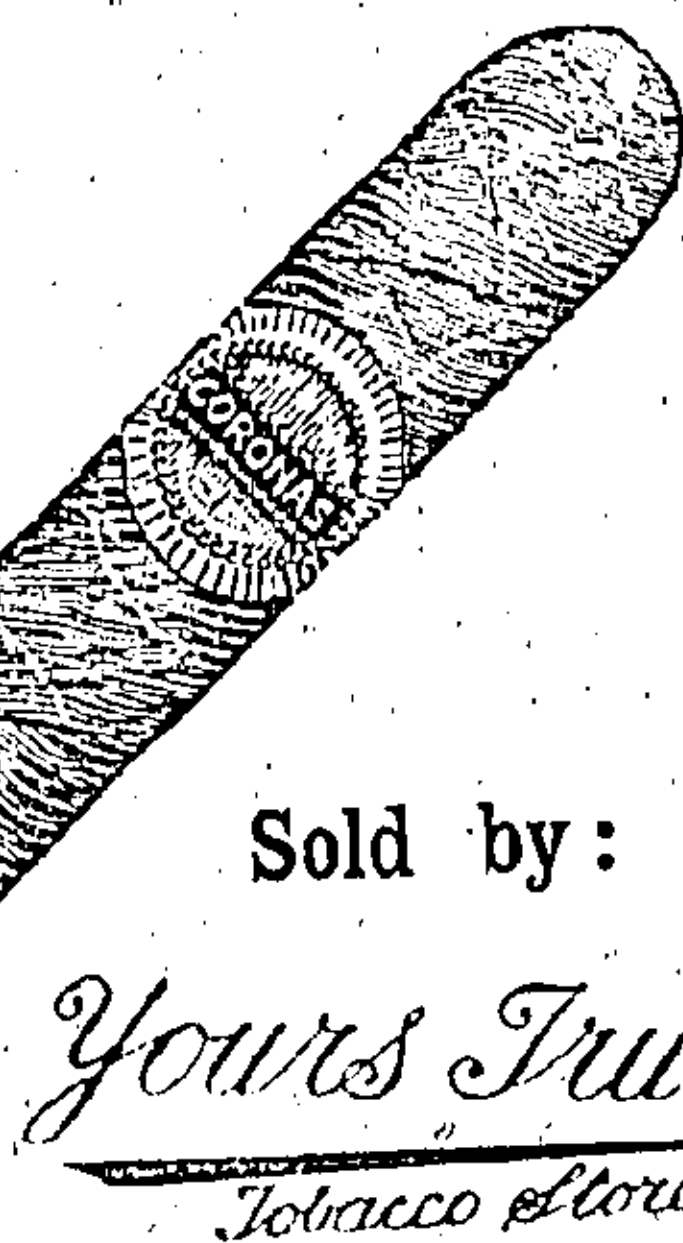
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HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

The English and Scottish
League tables up to and including
matches played yesterday, are
appended:

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Sunderland	5	3	2	0	16	11	8
Newcastle	4	3	1	0	15	4	7
Arsenal	5	3	1	1	15	10	7
Leicester	5	2	2	1	11	7	6
West Ham	4	3	0	1	13	10	6
Bury	4	3	0	1	10	8	6
Cardiff	5	1	4	0	7	6	6
Manch. Un.	5	2	2	1	7	8	6
Blackburn	5	2	2	1	7	6	6
Everton	4	2	1	1	12	7	5
Middlesbrough	5	2	1	2	10	11	5
Tottenham	5	2	1	2	9	11	5
Liverpool	4	1	2	1	7	4	4
Aston Villa	5	1	2	2	10	10	4
Derby	4	1	2	1	7	7	4
Sheffield Un.	5	1	2	2	9	13	4
Portsmouth	5	1	2	2	12	17	4
Bolton	4	1	1	2	5	5	3
Birmingham	5	1	1	3	7	11	3
Wednesday	5	0	2	3	5	13	2
Huddersfield	4	0	1	3	6	12	1
Burnley	5	0	0	5	7	16	0

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Clapton	5	4	1	0	11	3	9
Bristol C.	4	4	0	0	12	3	8
Oldham	5	4	0	1	15	5	8
Chelsea	4	3	1	0	11	2	7
Leeds Un.	4	3	1	0	13	3	7
Stoke	5	3	1	1	15	9	7
Manch. City	5	3	1	1	14	11	7
Preston	5	2	2	1	10	8	6
Hull City	5	2	2	1	7	6	6
Swansea	5	2	1	1	16	16	6
Notts For.	4	2	1	1	16	8	5
Barnsley	4	1	3	0	8	7	5
West Brom.	5	2	1	2	11	10	5
Wolves	5	1	2	2	7	9	4
Grimsby	4	0	2	2	7	12	2
Fulham	4	0	2	2	4	12	2
Reading	4	0	1	3	5	12	1
Port Vale	4	0	1	3	3	9	1
Southampton	5	0	1	4	4	13	1
Sh. Shields	5	0	1	4	5	17	1
Blackpool	5	0	1	4	3	14	1
Notts County	4	0	1	3	1	10	1

Division III (South).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Norwich	5	4	1	0	16	4	9
Southend	5	4	0	1	14	8	8
Q. P. E.	5	3	1	1	13	9	7
Brighton	4	3	0	1	14	7	6
Millwall	5	3	0	2	18	10	6
Northants	5	3	0	2	13	8	6
Charlton	4	2	2	0	7	5	6
Brentford	5	3	0	2	12	11	6
Plymouth	5	2	1	2	13	8	5
Bristol Rovers	5	2	1	2	11	11	5
Crystal Palace	5	2	1	2	7	12	5
Swindon	5	2	0	3	11	10	4
Newport	4	2	0	2	10	10	4
Gillingham	5	1	2	2	9	9	4
Watford	5	2	0	3	11	11	4
Coventry	5	1	2	2	9	13	4
Walsall	5	2	0	3	8	13	4
Bournemouth	5	1	1	3	7	10	3
Merthyr	4	1	1	2	4	10	3
Exeter	5	0	3	2	5	12	3
Torquay	5	1	1	3	5	16	3
Luton	5	0	1	4	5	14	1

Division III (North).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rochdale	4	4	0	0	8	3	8
Halifax	6	3	2	1	13	10	8
Lincoln	5	4	0	1	13	9	8
Bradford	5	3	1	1	12	6	7
Darlington	4	3	0	1	9	1	6
Tranmere	4	3	0	1	7	4	6
Wrexham	5	2	1	2	6	4	5
Barnsley	5	2	1	2	9	5	5
N. Brighton	5	2	1	2	11	11	5
Crowley	6	1	3	2	4	9	5
Nelson	4	2	0	2	11	6	4
Southport	5	2	0	3	10	10	4
Chesterfield	5	2	0	3	6	7	4
Stockport	4	2	0	2	6	9	4
Rotherham	4	2	0	2	6	9	4
Hartlepool	3	2	0	1	3	5	4
Accrington	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Bradford C.	4	1	1	2	7	6	3
Wigan	5	1	0	4	7	13	2
Barrow	5	1	0	4	6	16	2
Durham	5	1	0	4	6	14	2
Ashington	6	0	2	4	10	24	2

Scottish League.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	5	5	0	0	22	5	10
Celtic	4	4	1	0	12	0	9
St. Mirren	5	4	1	0	13	8	9
Motherwell	5	4	0	1	13	6	8
Airdrie	5	3	1	1	11	7	7
Kilmarnock	5	3	1	1	9	6	7
Hearts	5	3	0	2	18	6	6
Partick	5	3	0	2	9	13	6
Borness	5	2	1	2	7	9	5
C. denbeath	5	2	1	2	6	9	5
St. Johnstone	5	2	1	2	6	12	5
Aberdeen	5	2	0	3	13	13	4
Falkirk	5	2	0	3	10	11	4
Queen's Park	5	1	1	3	7	12	3
Dundee	5	1	1	3	4	8	3
Clyde	5	1	1	3	5	10	3
Raith R.	5	1	0	4	10	14	2

THE OLYMPIAD.

HOW CHINA LOST THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

BASKET-BALL VITAL.

The eighth Far Eastern Olympic Games, just concluded, were possibly the most thrilling in the history of the contests, for as Mr. Hin Wong, the secretary of the local contingent, explained, China lost by a fraction of a second. Japan's victory being due entirely to China's defeat by the Philippines in the basketball championship, after a closely-contested game.

Seen by a *Telegraph* representative this morning, Mr. Hin Wong spoke of the basketball championship which China was unfortunate to lose. Japan had been beaten by both China and the Philippines in the two sets, while China had lost the first set to the Philippines.

It was in the second set that China was unfortunate. The scores were 28 points to 27 in favour of the Philippines when China dropped the ball into the opposition basket, but a fraction of a second too late, the final whistle being blown just before the goal was scored.

Baseballers' Success.
Mr. Hin Wong went on to explain the narrow margin of points by which the Japanese won. Both Japan and China carried off three championships, but Japan, emerging winners by virtue of their representatives securing more second-place honours than the Chinese.

Speaking of the Games in general, Mr. Hin Wong said that it was in the swimming events and the field and track races that China was completely outclassed. Notwithstanding the fact that Japan won the Olympic baseball championship, Mr. Hin Wong said that China, represented by the Honolulu players, won the open baseball championship for which a shield was presented by Mr. Chang Li-yuen, a prominent resident of Shanghai, in connexion with the Far Eastern Games. The shield, which was brought down to the Colony by the local contingent, now adorns the South China Athletic Association premises in China Building.

Gordon Lum going to Japan?

Mr. Hin Wong returned on Saturday with the swimmers, runners and the volleyball team from Canton. Others arrived yesterday, while the footballers are due back sometime to-day.

Asked as regards the rumour that Mr. Ng Sze-kwong and Mr. Gordon Lum had been invited to Tientsin to give exhibition games against the local players in the Northern port, Mr. Hin Wong said that he had heard nothing of the report but he had been told that Mr. Lum had received an invitation to visit Japan to play a series of games there. Up to the time of his departure, Mr. Lum had not definitely rejected or accepted the offer.

With reference to the proposed visit of the Honolulu Chinese to the Philippines, Mr. Hin Wong said that he did not think such a visit would materialise. It was disappointing, as the Chinese had beaten the Filipinos in the Olympic games as well as in the open championship, and a trip to the Philippine Islands would be most attractive.

The steamboat schedule did not suit their times, while the dates fixed for the matches also interfered with other arrangements.

"Trial by poison," an old tribal custom of French equatorial Africa, is officially abolished by a recent decree. Under this system persons accused of crime took poison. If they showed no ill effects they were considered innocent. If they died they were considered guilty. For years the French authorities have tried to stamp out this custom as well as other brutal and dangerous practices.

Hibernians... 1 0 4 8 12 2
Hamilton... 1 0 4 4 12 2
Dunfermline... 0 0 5 3 18 0

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"A SOCIETY SCANDAL"
SHOWING TO-DAY.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT FILM.

Gloria Swanson, Rod La Rocque, Ricardo Cortez and Allan Simpson are the stars in "A Society Scandal," the feature attraction at the Queen's Theatre to-day. "A Society Scandal" is the film version of Alfred Sutra's play, "The Laughing Lady," with the story brought up to date and the locale altered from London to New York. The settings are the ballroom and the boudoir. During the picture Gloria Swanson wears not less than fourteen Paris gowns.

The topical gazette is particularly interesting after the visit of the world fliers Brock and Schlee, as it shows the wonderful welcome accorded to Captain Lindbergh when he arrived in Paris after his lone flight across the Atlantic.

Other interesting events shown in the same gazette are a military display in England which was visited by the King and Queen, the raging waters of the Mississippi floods, and some hair-raising stunts by a dare-devil roller skater on the coping of a Chicago skyscraper.

World Theatre.

The chief picture at the World Theatre at the 5.15 and 9.20 performances to-day is Marshall Neilan's drama of city life, "Wild Oats Lane," with Viola Dana and Robert Agnew in the leading roles. At the 2.30 and 7.15 performances the picture is the second part of the Chinese love drama, "The Dream of the Red Room."

At the Star.

The principal picture in the continuous programme at the Star Theatre to-day is Douglas Maclean's delightful comedy, "Seven Keys to Baldpate," which, besides being very amusing, has all the elements of a delightful mystery play.

A WAIF WHO WOULD NOT REFORM.

SENTENCED TO BIRCHING FOR THEFT.

After being remanded a young Chinese, who was recommended by the Kowloon Magistrate this morning to be sent to the Waifs Club, informed the Police that he had previously been admitted to the Club, but had run away. The defendant had pleaded guilty before Mr. W. Schofield to a charge of larceny of a rattan basket, containing clothing and jewellery to the value of \$41, from 138, Shanghai Street. Sergeant Mottram told his Worship that he had made enquiries, and discovered that the defendant was an orphan and had no friends. The boy had been recommended to Sergeant Dickson of the Waifs Club, but the latter intimated that he would not accept the boy unless he saw him personally, as three boys who had been sent to the Club from Kowloon had absconded after they had been clothed and fed.

His Worship remanded the defendant for 24 hours, instructing the Police to take the defendant to see Sergeant Dickson. Sergeant Mottram later returned and informed his Worship that the defendant had admitted to him, on leaving the Court, that he had already been in the Waifs Club, but had run away.

His Worship then ordered the defendant to receive twelve strokes of the cane.

THE CANTON RUN.

NEW SCHEDULE ARRANGED.

With the settlement of the China Navigation Company strike, the s.s. Fatsan resumed duty on the Canton run this morning, under the aegis of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company.

This means that there will now be two vessels sailing each way every day. The Kinshan, sailing from Canton at 8 this morning, arrives this afternoon, and the Lungshan, departing from Canton at 4 p.m., is due in at 10 p.m.

The Taishan sails for Canton at 1 a.m. to-morrow, and the Kinshan will depart for the up-river port at 8 a.m.; thus the Kinshan and Fatsan will be the morning boats and the Lungshan and Taishan the night ones.

It is learned with regret that Captain Mitchell, late of the Fatsan, is undergoing hospital treatment. He is not now in command of his old vessel, and the command has passed to Captain Galle, the chief officer being Mr. McDonald.

"TELEGRAPH" FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

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The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday next, September 17th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

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3. Any number of attempts may be sent in, but a separate coupon must be used for each attempt.

4. The prize of \$50 will be awarded to the competitor who sends in twelve correct forecasts on one coupon. If there is no correct forecast of all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be awarded to the competitor who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts on one coupon. In the event of more than one competitor forwarding an equal winning number of forecasts, the \$25 will be divided equally between such competitors. No competitor, however, will be entitled to more than one share of the prize.

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C.N.C. SETTLEMENT.

PROVISION FOR FUTURE DISPUTES.

Shipping and Engineering (Shanghai) referring to the conclusion of the C.N.C. dispute, states:

MERCY THAT CAME AS A SHOCK.**PRISONER FAINTS ON HEARING LENIENT DECISION.**

There were a dramatic ending to a case at Marlborough Street Police Court, London, last month, when a man of many convictions and adventures was carried in a fainting condition from the dock on being bound over.

Before Mr. Mead was a well-groomed prisoner of refined speech and bearing—Paul Mellor (38), described as an accountant of no fixed abode. Charged on a warrant, he pleaded guilty to obtaining by false pretences with intent to defraud on Christmas Eve, 1923, a 450 sapphire and diamond brooch, the property of Arthur Solomon, jewellers, 36 New Bond Street, London.

According to Mr. Charles Ord, manager of the firm, prisoner came on Christmas Eve, 1923, saying he wanted to buy a brooch for a lady for Christmas. Two cheques, post-dated, for £25, it was agreed, should be accepted for payment, and they were made out on the Swiss Bank, but it transpired that accused had no account there.

Detective E. Griffey, stated that a letter had been sent through the police from an influential gentleman to the Magistrate.

The letter was handed to Mr. Mead, who said "This gentleman suggests that he (the prisoner), should be sent to New Zealand, but it is not a thing I can recognise at all."

Snow-Sweeper and Teacher.

Detective Griffey said that there were eight convictions for crime against Mellor, the first in 1917, when he was bound over at Dublin for obtaining jewellery by false pretences. He had been twice sent to prison from Marlborough Street Police Court for similar offences, and had also been sentenced at Ottawa, Canada, on a similar charge. Mellor had also been sent to prison in Switzerland and Italy for swindling, and had been twice deported from Canada.

On returning to that country following the first deportation, he started as a snow-sweeper. Then he became a floor-walker, and eventually a teacher at an Ontario college. He aspired to a better job at a university, but for the first time his bad character became

\$5,000,000 COAL LOSS.**DESPERATE FLIGHT OF BRITISH PITTS.**

Startling new statistics regarding the losses of the British coal-fields will be published by the Miner's Federation shortly.

The figures will reveal (says the *Daily Chronicle*) that since the beginning of this year the collieries of the country have lost over £5,000,000 on the sale of coal.

The latest figures, which are obtained through audits carried out in each district, will deal with the financial position to the end of June, and will reveal heavy losses per ton in all the large areas. An official of the Miner's Federation said yesterday:

There is a glut of coal on the Continent, and the policy of price-cutting has not helped the British coalowners at all.

300,000 Miners Idle.

The losses have become heavier month by month, which means that bank overdrafts have grown larger and larger. It is common knowledge in the industry that the bankers are viewing the position with great concern.

Pits are closing down, and the registered number of miners unemployed is now over 250,000. We ourselves estimate the actual number of unemployed at well over 300,000.

Efforts are being made to cut the men's wages still further, and in Cumberland a company has just posted notices which will reduce the men's pay to less in actual money, quite apart from its value, than what they received before the war.

In Durham the situation is so desperate that a deputation of the Durham County Council and the Durham Miner's Association is to approach the Government to ask them to declare the whole county a necessitous area for the public feeding of the children.

known and he was sentenced and deported.

Mr. M. Helier, for the prisoner, urged that the prisoner had gone straight since his last conviction.

Mr. Lieck (Magistrate's Clerk) —He does seem to have made an effort.

SMUGGLERS STILL BUSY.**HEADQUARTERS IN BOULOGNE.**

There are further indications that the recent traffic in smuggling threatens to assume proportions which will have a serious effect upon the revenue, says a London paper.

The smugglers at work on the south and east coast are reported to be bringing off coups which represent the loss of very large sums to the Exchequer.

It is known that some of the smugglers have their headquarters in Boulogne, and in some of the less reputable cafes of that town men can be found who openly boast of their illicit traffic. Others operate from Dutch ports.

Wines and spirits, silks, dyes, chemicals, cigars and tobacco, and saccharin are among the articles smuggled. With the exception of wines and spirits all these articles, on which there are heavy duties, are small in bulk and can be easily dealt with, consignments of great value occupying but little room.

A motor-boat can run a cargo the intrinsic value of which runs into thousands of pounds, while on this side of the Channel it can be easily distributed by means of motor-cars.

The smugglers are well organised. They know exactly where to dispose of their cargoes in London—there are many "merchants" in the East End (and also in the West End) who will handle all that they can bring across the Channel without asking questions and at prices which, while they give a handsome return to the smugglers, permit the receiver to make a big profit.

The solicitor added that the prisoner was a man of high education.

A Salvation Army representative intimated that they were prepared to take the prisoner's amelioration in hand.

Accused was then bound over, and on hearing the lenient decision, straightway collapsed. He was lifted from the dock and carried out.

SIR ALAN COBHAM'S ESCAPE.**TOO REALISTIC BOMBING SCENE.****STRUCK BY STONES.**

There were several narrow escapes from disaster to flying men during a recent week-end at Home.

Sir Alan J. Cobham almost came to grief near Stag Lane Aerodrome, Edgware, last evening, while flying for a film, and two officers of the Auxiliary Air Force were slightly injured when their machine crashed at Alperston earlier in the day.

The incident to Sir Alan Cobham occurred while he was engaged in playing his part in the film entitled "The Flight Commander." In a scene that was being "shot" Sir Alan is supposed to bomb the main street of a Chinese "village." The ground charges which represented the falling bombs, and which were exploded by electricity, were so powerful and Sir Alan flew so low that a hail of clods of earth and stones struck his machine.

About a dozen large holes were made in the wings, and the planes were covered with earth and sand. Fortunately, no vital part was hit.

The "Attack."

The Chinese "village" had been built chiefly of canvas-covered wooden frames in a field adjoining the aerodrome. At one end of the "village" Mr. Maurice Elvey, the producer, from a high platform directed the hundreds of "Chinese" as they furiously "attacked" the small colony of Europeans.

As each "attack" was launched seven cameras at different points registered the scenes. There was a short wait, and then the aeroplanes were sighted.

A DH9 flew up the main street, and, at the wave of a handkerchief from the producer's plat-

BAITING GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.**THE GAME OF BULL AND PICADOR.**

A reference to what is officially termed "the popular sport of Government Department baiting" is contained in the annual report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, issued recently at Home.

The sport, remarks the Registrar, is a first-rate game which the departmental bull plays up properly to the picador.

The incident calling forth the comment arose over the funeral expenses of a Post Office savings bank depositor. The expenses, which amounted to £25, were paid by the savings bank, and subsequently the solicitors who took out letters of administration protested that this expenditure was excessive.

A long and somewhat acrid correspondence took place, says the report, both before and after the grant of administration between the solicitors and the Post Office savings bank, the former seeking to know under what statutory authority the latter had acted, and the latter, refraining from giving a direct answer that they had none.

The Chief Registrar thought that the Post Office would have been better advised if they had frankly admitted that they had no such authority at the same time pointing out that they had only done what the administrator himself must have done and saved the depositor from a pauper's funeral.

At the same time, he derived from the correspondence the impression that the solicitors had been indulging in the popular sport of Government Department baiting—a first-rate game when the departmental bull plays up properly to the picador.

form, the street was torn up by an explosion. Dummies which had been lying on the ground were hurled high into the air, and from a short distance the scene appeared extremely realistic. Afterwards three large air transport machines flew over the "village." They were supposed to be carrying a detachment of naval ratings, which arrived just in time to protect the Europeans.

RIVAL BANDS CLASH.**SONGS BY ONE, HYMNS BY ANOTHER.**

While the Hythe Town Band was playing marches, overtures, and songs on a recent Sunday afternoon in the Grove, one of Hythe's beauty spots, the Hythe Salvation Army band 30 yards from the bandstand was playing hymn tunes.

For some time the Salvation Army have held Sunday afternoon services in the Grove from 2.30 to 3.30, but the bandstand was leased to the town band by the corporation.

This day the town band wished to give a concert at 3 o'clock. The Town Council suggested that the Salvation Army should give their service from 2.30 to 3.30, when the town band should begin. This, however, did not fall in with the wishes of the town band. Consequently both bands were performing at the same time.

The town band opened its programme with the march "Ivymead," the Salvation Army at the same time playing and singing "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." During the concluding prayer by the Salvation Army the town band played a lively song.

The Salvation Army left punctually at 3.30, and the town band was then left in undisturbed possession. The matter was to be fully thrashed out at a council meeting later in the week.

FRENCH WOMAN'S REVOLVER.**SEQUEL TO SCENE IN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE.**

A young French woman, Theresa Perrot, was charged on remand at Bow Street, London, the other day, with being in possession of a revolver without a certificate.

It was alleged that defendant created a scene in a solicitor's office after a conversation about the maintenance of her child and that she produced a revolver. She said the father of the child was an assistant hotel manager.

Defendant now informed the court that she bought the revolver at Toulon to frighten away burglars.

The Magistrate said that in her own interests she should go back to her own country. The question with regard to her child could be gone into by the courts there. He

NOVEL FRAUD ALLEGED.**HOW MAN IS SAID TO HAVE OBTAINED SUIT.**

A novel form of fraud alleged at Leeds last night against Joseph Greenwood, who was charged with obtaining credit by fraud.

Mr. C. V. Walker, solicitor prosecuting, said Greenwood had obtained credit from Miss Agnes Wills, Arlede Grove, and asked her to sign a document which she believed to be an application for a loan of £50.

Greenwood took this to a putative firm of solicitors, knew the woman and deposited with them. He then called a firm of tailors and asked to be measured for several suits of clothes.

Owing to his rather shabby appearance they asked for references, whereupon he laughed and said, "You can refer to my solicitors, who hold my securities." They telephoned and received assurance, and later delivered goods.

Immediately Greenwood received them he pawned them.

When arrested at his lodgings and charged in respect of one he said, "That's all right. I am all to be taken into consideration."

He was remanded for a further inquiry.

would recommend her for detention.

Defendant—That does not mean in any way as regards future.

The Magistrate—Will you back voluntarily if I give you chance.

Defendant said she was willing to leave, and the magistrate that, on the understanding she would go back to France, would discharge her under probation of offender's act.



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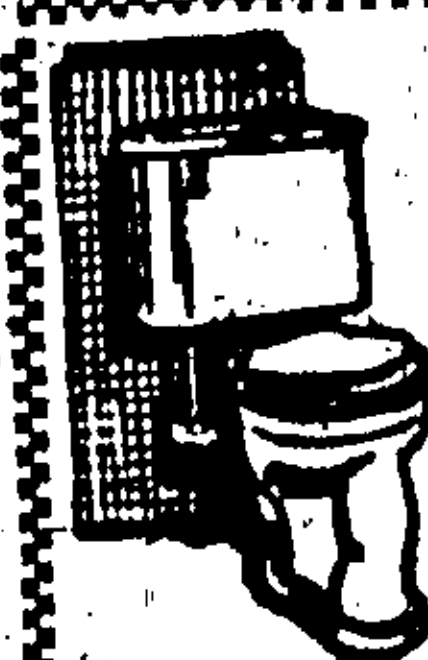
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A SERIAL STORY

**MY LADY: A TALE OF
MYSTERY.**

By EDGAR WALLACE.

Author of "The Four Just Men," "The Secret
House" &c., &c.JOHN MORLAY, head of a firm
of private inquiry agents, is called
upon by a friend, JULIAN
LESTER, who is interested in the
COUNTESS MARIE FLOI, a
beautiful young girl.Morlay is told of a MRS. CARA-
WOOD, the Countess's nurse, who
is the owner of a number of shops
in London, which she somewhat
mysteriously acquired after the
death of the Countess's mother, in
whose employment she was.Acting on a strange impulse,
Morlay calls at one of the shops,
to find Mrs. Carawood has gone
to Cheltenham to visit Countess
Marie. He finds himself bound
for Cheltenham too.

CHAPTER II.

Mrs. Carawood passed under the
now familiar grey arch of the Col-
lege, turned to the left and
towards the circular stone stairs.The "crows" were beginning to
arrive from the houses, long
double lines of girls in blue, their
flaming house colours worn in the
shape of ties. She had passed the
Cranmore croc in the street, and
had seen two senior girls bicycling
to "Col" wearing the Mendip tie,
and they were at once invested
with a special glamour, for Marie's
house was Mendip—the first house
in the college for all field sports.The college porter, hurrying
past, recognized her."Good morning, Mrs. Carawood
—have you seen her ladyship?"
"No, Mr. Bell," the dark-faced
woman almost smiled. "I came
down by the late train yesterday.
Is my lady well?""She was when I saw her yester-
day," said the porter. "Are you
waiting to take her home?"

Mrs. Carawood shook her head.

"No," she said, rather shortly,
and went on her way.At the top of the staircase, a
perfect, with the shield of her
office hanging like a medal from
her blouse, she eyed her through a
doorway and to a pine seat. She
was in the gallery that surround-
ed Hall on three sides. At one end
was a stage draped with heavy
blue curtains. In the centre a
table with a silver reading-desk
and a bowl of flowers on top. An
organ was playing softly, and
already the girls were filing in,
each going to her place until the
floor space and all the galleries
were filled.The woman looked upon a sea
of white blouses and neatly
brushed heads. Last to come
were the seniors sitting at the
head of the congregation. A girl
perfect came into Hall, whispered
to a mistress, and went out. Mrs.
Carawood's eyes glowed at the
sight of the slim figure until it
was gone. Then, over her
shoulder, she looked at the door.
Marie, appeared, flushed and
breathless, came silently to the
pew and sat down by the woman's
side. Their hands met in a clinc-
ing hug, and then cheek touched
cheek for a moment. Through a
door by the side of the platform
came the senior prefect, prayer-
book in hand, and behind her a
majestic woman, in academic
gown, her cap under her arm, a
lady with a grave, kind face.From the opposite gallery John
Morlay watched the pair. He had
been one of the first of the visitors
to enter Hall and had taken his
place in the solitude fully a quar-
ter of an hour before the first line
of girls had filed in noiselessly to
their places.The identity of the woman he
guessed. She was in the region of
fifty, swarthy of face and yet not
unpleasant to look upon. There
was something of the gipsy in the
romantic Mrs. Carawood. Her
black hair was untouched with
gray and at this distance, where
the lines about her eyes were in-
visible, her face was singularly
smooth.The girl when she came, rather
took his breath away. He had re-
tained a memory of a slim and
pretty school girl, but in the
months which had passed since his
first and only meeting with her,
a subtle maturity showed. It
would be (he thought) ridiculous
to describe her as a woman: It
would be equally absurd to speak
of her as a child. Nature had
modelled so delicately that figure
and face were in some manner
transformed. She had been
boyishly slim, with a certainawkwardness of movement and
vesture; he had been conscious of
long limbs and an almost mascu-
line grip of hand. There was har-
mony and grace in her movements
now; the gaucherie of childhood
had come to be a rhythm; the
round, firm cheeks had delicate
shadows.All through the short service
which followed her appearance,
his eyes did not leave her. When
the golden head was bent in prayer
and all other eyes were downcast,
his were fixed upon these odd com-
panions, the woman in her severe
black dress, the girl in her white
blouse. And the longer he looked
the more revolting seemed the
cold-blooded scheme of Julian
Lester. There was a new ugliness
in the commission which this
exquisite young man had offered.There and then John Morlay dis-
sociated himself from his "client."
After the simple service was
over, the two passed down the
stairs, together into the corridor;
and then Mrs. Carawood became
aware, even in the soft ecstasy
which always filled her when she
was in the girl's presence, that a
man was standing watching them,
a tall, good-looking man with a
smile on his lips."The Countess Floi, is it not?"
he asked, hat in hand.The girl stared at him for a
moment and then laughed softly."Oh, I remember you—you are
Mr. Morlay."

John Morlay was staggered.

"Mr. Lester introduced you at
Rumpelmeyer's."The frown that had gathered on
the woman's face slowly dis-
appeared, and Jack thought he
detected a sigh of relief. They
walked towards the porter's gate
together, and then, with a quick
kiss and hug for the woman and
a nodding smile to John Morlay,
the girl vanished through the
doorway.For a second there was silence,
and then, looking at Mrs. Cara-
wood, he saw her staring at the
doorway through which Marie had
vanished, and there was in her
face so concentrated a devotion
that even he was astounded. He
saw a light in her eyes, a certain
tenseness in her mien, which spok-
e eloquently of the emotion which
even that brief interview had
aroused."You are very fond of your
little charge?" said Jack softly.

With a start she turned to him.

"Fond of her?" Her voice was
husky. "Why, I should think so!

She's like my own."

"Soon she will be leaving school,
won't she?"

Mrs. Carawood nodded.

"Next week," she said.

"And what do you intend doing
with her. Is she going to Italy?"The woman's eyes met his and
he saw in them the dawn of
suspicion."No," she said, shortly. And
then, as if resenting her brusque-
ness, "I don't know what I shall
do with her yet. She is very
young.""Too young to marry," stated
rather than asked the other.He was not exactly supporting
his client's case; but then, he did
not regard Julian Lester in that
light. He was ridiculously
anxious to discover whether Mrs.
Carawood favoured the suit of the
elegant young man, and he had
his answer when he saw the cloud
in her face."Much too young," she said,
emphatically. "Marie has no
wish to leave me."There was no further excuse for
lingering. With a life of his hat
he turned away, and she watched
him from the entrance until he
had turned a corner and was out
of sight.

Then she saw the porter.

"Who was that gentleman. Mr.
Bell?" she asked."The man who was talking to
you?" She nodded. "He's Mr.
Morlay. He came down here two
years ago over some fraud that
he had been worked on the staff. He
is a sort of detective."Her trembling hand went up to
her mouth, the dark face turned
grey. The porter was speaking
yet she did not hear him."A detective?" Her heart beat
painfully as her lip formed the
words. "A detective! Oh, my
God!" (To be continued.)The announcement that a
synthetic vitamin had been creat-
ed at last has aroused all the more
interest as the inventor is Profes-
sor Windaus, of Göttingen, who is
honoured in this country as the
originator of the doctrine of the
vitamins. The name given to the
preparation is Ergosterin. It is
tasteless and has been given tochildren suffering from rickets
with much success, being first
dissolved in oil. When Ergosterin
is irradiated by the ultra-violet
rays of the quartz lamp it is said
to take on the exact properties of
the real vitamin. It is hoped by
further experiment to probe the
mystery of the chemical properties
of the vitamins themselves.

MARINE COURT CASE.

HARD LABOUR FOR OLD
OFFENDER.At the Marine Court this morn-
ing, before Lieut. Commr. G.F.
Hole, Chau Tak Shing, a hawk
of Canton Road, was charged with
boarding the s.s. Lai Sang at the
Kowloon Wharves, on September
12, without having obtained the
permission of the commanding
officer.Defendant pleaded guilty, and
Inspector Brown stated in reply to
his Worship, that the accused had
two previous convictions register-
ed against him, but not for this
offence. The two convictions
proved to be under the Opium
Ordinances, and in support of the
charge in the case before the
Court, a letter was produced from
the master of the Lai Sang.A sentence of one month's im-
prisonment, with hard labour, was
passed.THE GORDON-BENNETT
RACE.FRENCH BALLOON GOES
LONG WAY.New York, Sept. 12.
The French balloon La Fayette
has passed over Loganville, in
Georgia, the furthest distance
hitherto recorded in the Gordon-
Bennett competition.
All the other balloons have
descended except two German
competitors.—*Reuter's American
Service.*

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1075 b.
Chartered Bank, £200 n.
Mercantile A. & B., £33 n.
Mercantile C., £133 n.
P. and O., £98 b.
East Asia, \$68 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$590 s.
China Underwriters, \$150 n.
North China, Tls. 143 n.
Union Ins., \$293 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$41 b.

Fire Ins.

China Fires, \$210 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$600 s.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$33 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$21 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$15 b.
Indo-China, (Pref.), \$30 n.
Shell Trans., 92/- n.
Star Ferries, \$54.60 b.
Waterboats, \$17 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$15 n.
Malabons, \$31 s.

Mining.

Benguet, \$170 n.
Kailans, 49/- b.
Langkats, Tls. 171 b.
Indo-China, (Pref.), Tls. 3.15 b.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 61 b.
Raubs, \$4 b.
Tronohs, 19/3 n.
Ural Caspians, 5/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$114 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$35 n.
Hongkows, Tls. 141 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 41 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 92 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotel, 61 n.
H. K. Lands, \$551 b.
Realty, \$6 n.
Territorials, \$14 s.
Humphreys, \$121 b.
Princes Bldgs, \$15 b.
Rural Lands, \$11 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 72 s.
Orientals, Tls. 150 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 47 n.

Buses, Trams.

China Buses, Tls. 7 n.
Tramways, \$20 n.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.
Singapore Trams, 12/6 b.
Taxis, \$1 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$20 n.
Canton Ices, \$5 n.
Cemonts (Comb.), \$7 s.
China Lights, \$121 b.
China Prov., \$4 n.
Constructions, \$12 s.
Dairy Farms, \$15.30 b.
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.
H'kong Electric, \$53 n.
Macao Electric, \$37 b.
Ropes (Old) \$10 n.
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KHYBER	9,114	1st Oct.	M'lea, L'don, A'werp & H'ait
ALIPORE	5,273	6th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
NYANZA	7,023	12th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
MALWA	10,986	15th Oct.	Marseilles & London
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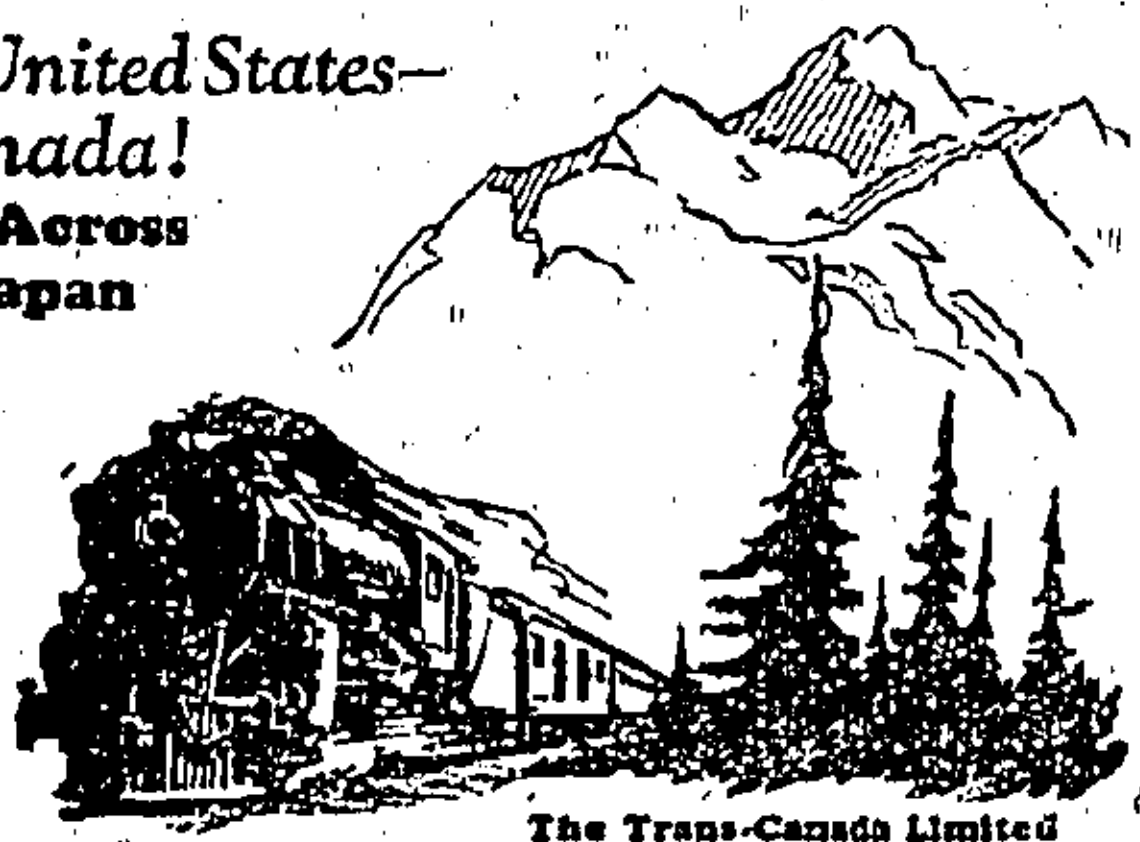
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CHLORAL HYDRATE.

OPINIONS ON "SLEEPING DRAUGHT."

A Coroner's inquiry was conducted by Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday into the death of a Chinese who, according to a post mortem examination, died of narcotic poisoning.

From the evidence it appears that the man had been in indifferent health for some time and that he took a certain sleeping draught on the day of his death. The draught was sold to the deceased by the Chinese Department of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd. and is alleged to be a 10% solution of chloral hydrate.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst, had stated at an earlier stage of the inquiry that the deceased must have taken 100 to 200 grains of chloral hydrate to have had 20 odd grains in his stomach.

Mr. D. Wilson, of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Company, stated that the bottle directed that no more than three or four mace should be taken before sleep. The amount of chloral hydrate should be about 23.58 grains in each dose.

Dr. J. B. Addison, called by the Coroner to give expert evidence, said that it was his opinion that chloral hydrate should not be taken except under medical advice. He agreed that 45 or 60 grains were sometimes administered on the Continent, but added that such a dose would be given under close medical supervision.

Insufficient Warning.

Asked if he considered the label "three or four maces of this water, should be taken before you go to bed, but not more," sufficient, warning the witness said that he thought the word "Poison" should have been labelled on the bottle.

Mr. Lindsell: The chemist is undoubtedly under the same legal duty as the doctor, that being one of taking reasonable precautions when he supply drugs. Do you consider when the chemist sold this drug with no more warning than the translation that he had done his duty?

Dr. Addison: I don't think chloral hydrate should be sold to the public without the word "Poison" on the bottle.

Mr. Wilson was then recalled. The Coroner told him that a certain question would be asked which, if Mr. Wilson thought would prejudice his own or his firm's position, he need not answer.

In answer to the Coroner's questions Mr. Wilson said that the drug was put on the Hongkong market by his firm.

The Coroner: You are the chief druggist of the firm?

Mr. Wilson: For the European Department.

Do you not call this a European drug? It comes under the Chinese branch of the drug business.

There must be some one person who is prepared to take responsibility for the drugs sold in that branch as well as the European branch? I would rather not answer that question.

Chinese Branch.

Is there any member of your firm other than yourself in charge of the Chinese drug department?

—There is a Chinese in charge of the Chinese branch.

Is he a qualified chemist?—No, he is not.

Has he any knowledge of drugs made up for that branch?—He has a fair knowledge.

Were the ingredients of this drug known to you when it was put on the market?—No.

Do you know how long it has been on the market?—It has been on the Hongkong market for a matter of fifty years. I believe it is one of the oldest recipes of the Company. There had been no accident of this kind in the past fifty years.

Do I understand you to say that prior to this case you personally had no knowledge of its ingredients?—I personally had no knowledge.

Some member of the firm must know of it. Somebody must supervise the making up of this mixture?—A qualified assistant in charge of the laboratory is in charge of the mixing. He does that according to the original prescription. He does not know the dose at all.

You know of course that chloral hydrate is included in the list of poisons. Can you explain why the label "Poison" was not on the bottle?—The label should, I agree, be on the bottle, but I maintain that the notice was sufficient for the Chinese.

Quite Safe.

Do you say "Do not take more than 3 or 4 mace at a time" is sufficient notice?—My translation reads "3 or 4 mace should be taken when going to bed but do not take more than what is prescribed here."

Do you challenge the two Government doctors when they say

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that 20 grains of chloral hydrate is dangerous to any person?—Under normal circumstances the dose given in that bottle is absolutely safe. It might be too much for a very sickly person, but the same argument might be applied to 20 grains of aspirin.

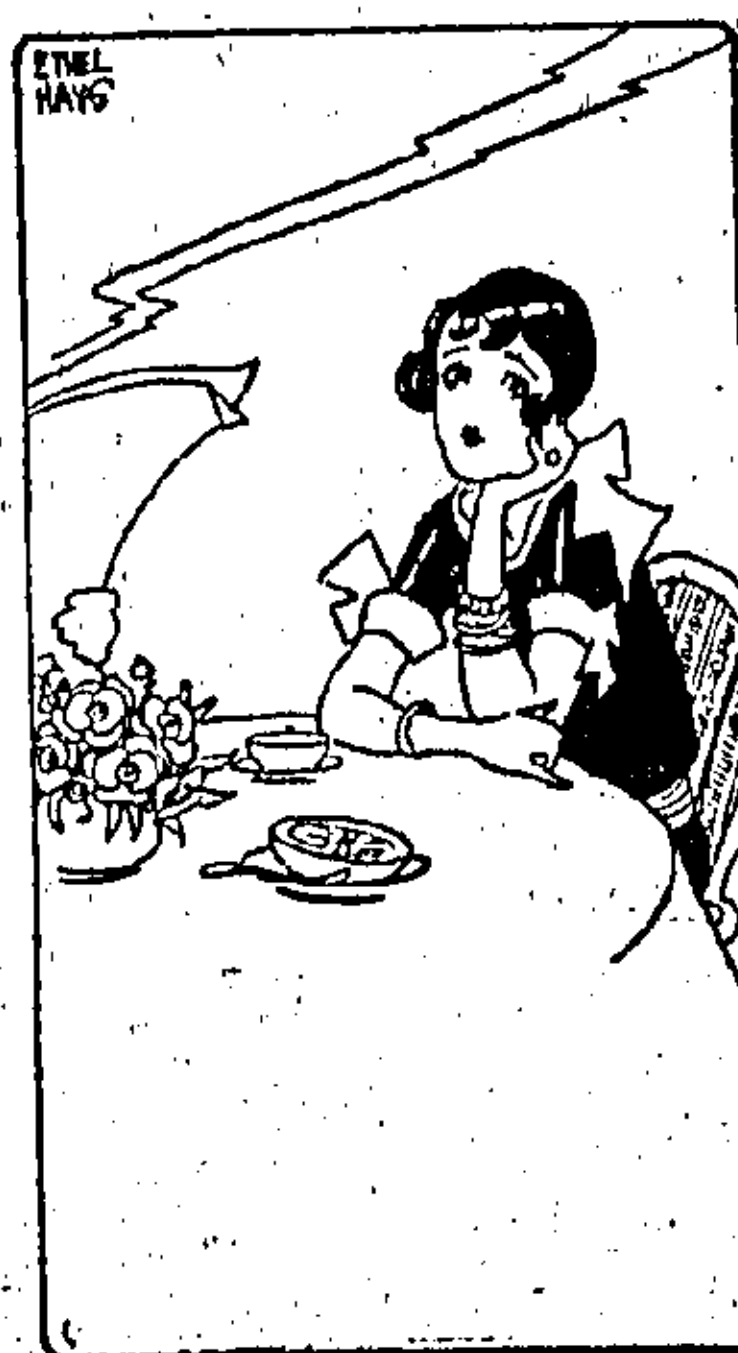
Do you say that Mr. Henry Humphreys is aware of the ingredients of this mixture?—I should imagine so. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors as well as Principal of John D. Humphreys & Sons, our General Managers.

Mr. Lindsell then addressed the jury. He said: "I regret that without further consideration I do not feel it possible for me to address you adequately on the issues that might be involved in this case."

He added that he would like to adjourn the inquiry in order that he might consider the law on the case in point. He said that the jury might find that the deceased deliberately committed suicide or he may have died by taking an overdose accidentally, which would amount to death by misadventure. He added that it was also possible for the jury to return a verdict of manslaughter against some member of Messrs. Watson's.

He would address them more fully at the next sitting and he hoped the jury would in the meantime get together and arrive at a decision on the facts as they stood.

The inquiry was adjourned until Friday at noon.



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The evidence showed that the machine caught fire when at a height of about 300 feet and that it dived vertically for the last 190 feet before it crashed on the main London road, narrowly missing a cyclist and some children who were playing in a recreation ground. The pilot and his observer were burned to death.

Jury Baffled.
The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," but stated that they were unable to determine why the machine caught fire.

They also expressed in their report, already mentioned, the opinion that there should be individual supervision of all machines concerning equipment of oil, fuel, and water by a responsible person before airplanes left the aerodrome.

The coroner in his summing-up said it would seem that the fire might have been caused by the breaking of a petrol pipe.

Major Cooper, an inspector of the Air Ministry, said he agreed with this view, but he was not in a position to give evidence, as he had not completed his investigations. His examination of the wreckage had satisfied him that there was no structural failure of the machine. He was also satisfied that all the instructions to officers and men were carried out.



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TRAFFIC SUMMONS
FAILS.

GREEN LIGHT CHANGED TO
RED.

Quite a number of traffic offenders, summoned during the week,
appeared before Major C. Willson
at the Central Magistracy this
morning.

Two Europeans, Mrs. Macley and
Mr. Buttle, were summoned
for failing to renew their licenses
after the 1st September, and on ad-
mitting the offence, were each fined
\$6.

An interesting case was that in
which the Chinese driver of motor-
car No. 666 was summoned for dis-
obeying traffic signals at the junc-
tion of Morrison Gap Road and
Stubbs Road.

Mr. S. H. Langston, manager of
the Nestle Milk Company, who was
called by the prosecution to give
evidence, said that about 9.20 a.m.
on the 1st September, he was pro-
ceeding down Stubbs Road, and at
the corner of the Hongkong Hotel
garage, witness saw the red light
displayed against him. While he
was applying the brakes, this was
changed to green.

He was then going at five or six
miles an hour, and on turning
around the corner, he was surpris-
ed to find car No. 666 practically at
the corner about 60 yards beyond
the white line. He stopped, and
then the defendant jumped out of
the car and made a few gesticula-
tions to witness chauffeur, who
was sitting on his left.

"I was driving the car, and I
was annoyed to see this car so far
down," added Mr. Langston.

Major Willson: Did you stop to
avoid an accident?—No.

Defendant's Version.

Defendant claimed that the
signal was in his favour until he
had passed the white line. He
was about to use the accelerator
to pass the junction when he
noticed the signal was once again
changed, the green light being
changed to red. At the same time
he saw the other car coming down
Stubbs Road. He stopped his own
car, and told the other driver that
he was proceeding according to
regulations.

The Indian pointsman who took
out the summons, said that he
warned defendant to be more
careful in the future, but that
warning was unheeded by the de-
fendant who, retorted that if wit-
ness was not satisfied he could
take out a summons.

His Worship discharged the
defendant, at the same time
adding that the constable on
duty at the junction
should not change the signal
after the car had gone a certain
distance past the white line, as it
would be then difficult to stop in
time to avoid a collision with any
car which should happen to be
coming down from the other road.

The driver of livery car, No.
421, was summoned for speeding
along Des Voeux Road on the 9th
instant at 25 miles an hour. A
fine of \$20 was imposed.

SHIP AFFAIR.

FIVE MEN RETURN HERE.

The recent affair on the a.s.
Chenonceaux, in which the Chief
Steward of the ship, who is a
Frenchman, was made the victim
of a murderous attack by one of
the Chinese saloon boys, is recall-
ed by the return here this morning
of five Chinese saloon hands of
the same steamer who had been
detained on suspicion for some
time at Saigon by the French au-
thorities.

On enquiry at Police Headquar-
ters this morning, we were inform-
ed that the five men who have re-
turned here, were merely arrested
on suspicion. As there was not
sufficient evidence to proceed
against them, they were released.

It is understood that the man
charged with the actual crime is
being tried at Saigon.

REPULSE BEACH.

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alone, it appears an urgent mat-
ter to remove all risk by substitut-
ing a non-inflammable type of
structure.

It was mentioned that holders
of sites who desire to adhere to
the matched system will be allowed
to rebuild after instructions
have been given them with regard
to new alignment, this being a
matter which badly needs adjust-
ment.

In the meantime, the Govern-
ment is in sympathy with any sug-
gestion which aims at improving
the accommodation and removing
the danger which fire presents,
and as mentioned above, is awak-
ing the submitting of plans which
have this object in view.

AT LEE THEATRE.



Mr. Nikifor Feoktistoff, Character dancer and Ballet Master
of the Oriental Strolling Players, who with the Northampton's
Band open their season at the Lee Theatre to-night.

THE POLICE RESERVE.

THIS WEEK'S ORDERS.

The following orders by the
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain
Superintendent of Police, are
issued, to the Hongkong Police
Reserve:

Chinese Company.

Revolver Practice.—Thirty-six
members of the Chinese Company
to be detailed by the Company
Commander will attend for
instruction in Revolver Shooting
at the Police Revolver Range
under Inspector H. J. Paterson on
Saturday, 17th September. Fall
in at Central Police Station at
2.10 p.m. sharp. Dress: White
Uniform with Helmet. No belt
nor truncheon. Any member de-
tailed who possesses a revolver
may bring his private revolver
with him.

Indian Company.

Strength.—The following have
enrolled in the Indian Company:—
Constable R.248 Rangin Singh.

Motor Cyclist Section (Flying
Squad).

There will be the usual Instruc-
tional Patrol on Thursday, 15th
September leaving Central Police
Station at 5.15 p.m.

General.

Police Training School.—The
advanced members of the Chinese
and Indian Companies will attend
at the Police Training School at
5.30 p.m. sharp on Thursday, Sep-
tember 15th, and Tuesday, Sep-
tember 20th, for instruction in Police
duties and regulation by Inspector
H. J. Paterson. Every member
attending will bring his instruc-
tion book with him.

Parades. All recruits of the
Chinese and Indian Companies
will parade in mufti at the Central
Police Station for squad drill and
rifle exercises under Sergeant R. J.
Hunt at 5.30 p.m. sharp as fol-
lows:

Chinese Company on Thursday,
September 15th and Tuesday,
September 20th.

Indian Company on Friday,
September 16th and Monday,
September 19th.

(Sgd.) G. B. HARTFORD,
D.S.P. (R.) Adjutant,
Hongkong, Sept. 13, 1927.

DIPLOMATIC POST.

JAPANESE MILITARY
ATTACHE

Tokyo, Sept. 13.
Colonel the Marquis of Maeda
is sailing from Kobe by the
Katori Maru to take up the post
of Military Attache in London.—
Reuter.

The Royal Academy closed last
month "We have had an unusually
good time," one of the officials said
in an interview. "There seems
to have been a distinct revival of
interest in the Academy pictures.
The attendance has been consider-
ably in advance of that of last
year. The relaying of Piccadilly
has put more visitors through our
gates; they have come to see the
workmen, and, finding themselves
outside our gates, have come in.
One of the most encouraging fea-

HANKOW TO-DAY.

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details were available, and it was
difficult to find out what exactly
were their positions in the
administration. They are now
being detained at military head-
quarters pending a complete in-
vestigation, and from them it is
hoped to secure further informa-
tion as to the headquarters of the
movement here. From the con-
siderable number of arrests which
have been made from among the
student fraternity, there is little
doubt but what the Students
Unions are active in their opposi-
tion to the present regime, and
whether communists or not their
activities are a menace to the
preservation of law and order, but
it is doubtful that the students are
the real foundation of the subver-
sive movements.

The military position is still
obscure. News which has arrived
by a traveller from Honan indi-
cates that Marshal Feng Yu-
hsiang's forces are retiring on to
Loyang leaving the troops of Chin
Yuen-ao in Chengchow proper.
This flatly contradicts the news of
advances towards Peking which
are daily published.

If Chin Yuen-ao is in command
of Chengchow as reported, then it
may be regarded as certain that
he has no intention whatever of
allowing the entry of Fengtien
forces into Honan. For month-
last his agents have been secretly
busy enlisting the sympathies of
the Red Spears on his behalf, and
reports vary as to the measure of
his success. In any case it is
extremely doubtful if the Red
Spear Association could be really
friendly to Feng Yu-hsiang what-
ever his promises; they had ex-
perience of each other before.

The rumour was strong in native
circles that Sun Chuan-fang had
again crossed the Yangtze river
yesterday. This time it is stated
that he has moved in great force
and with artillery. No reliable
confirmation could be obtained.
According to the reports he had
crossed thirty li above Nanking
and if true it indicates the reverse
of the position as published from
official sources, for no General
would be so stupid as to bring
heavy artillery across such a river,
if there was any danger of a
counter attack forcing him to re-
tire and leave it behind. Despite
the fact however that the rumour
was discredited early in the day,
towards evening it gained ground
again and confirmation one way
or the other is eagerly awaited.

Nothing has yet come to hand
by way of reliable confirmation of
any of the other victories reported
on the Pengpu and Tsingpu line
fronts. The fact that it is official-
ly published that in the counter
attack against the force which
landed on the south bank of the
river in the region of Nanking the
south used 80,000 men against the
officially reported 10,000 which
crossed, would indicate that the bulk
of the southern forces are centred
in this district and not round
Pengpu. In addition the entire
36th army are now reported as
having arrived at Wuhu.

This year has been the num-
ber of sales—302—as compared
with 235 last year. Most of them
have been the smaller pictures,
suitable for small homes rather
than mansions.

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